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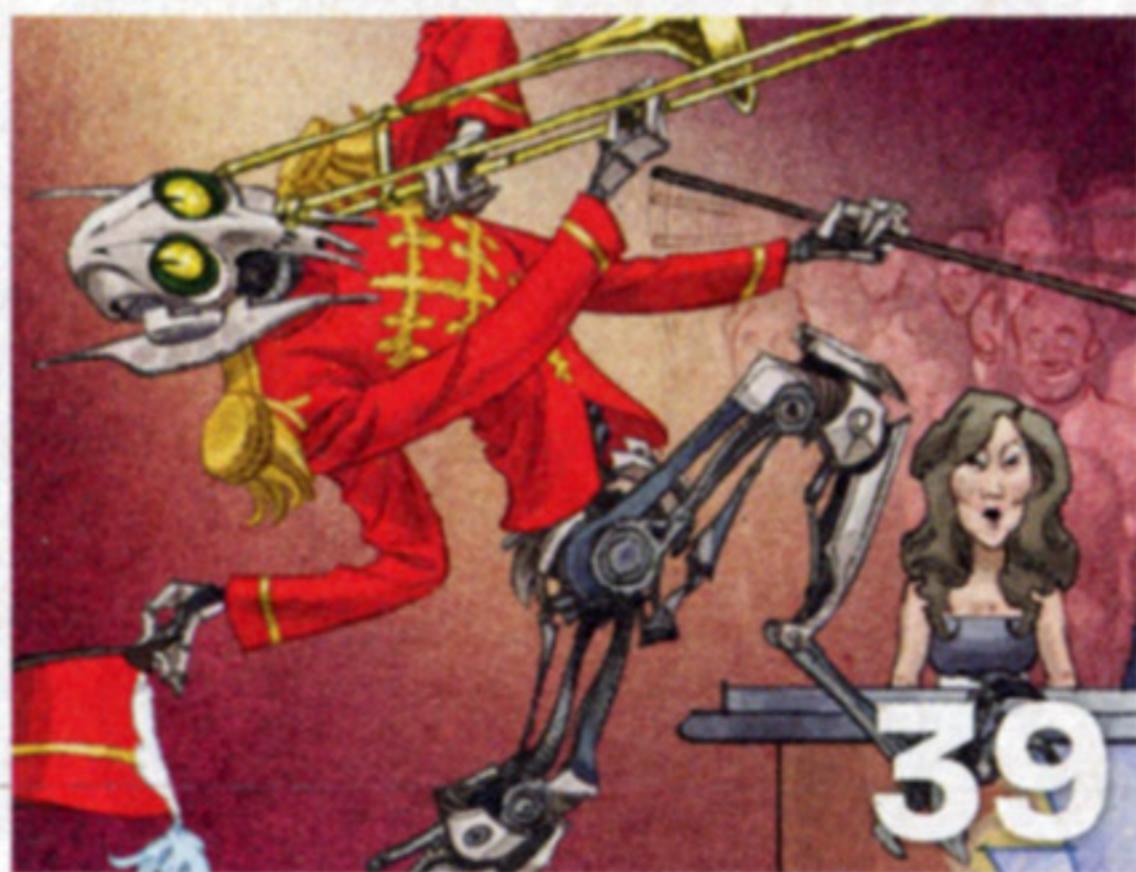
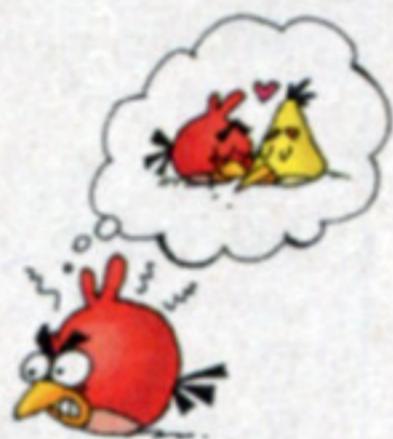
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Why is it  
that people who  
want government  
to be small always  
have the biggest  
mouths?



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COVER ARTIST: MARK FREDRICKSON

# LETTERS AND TOMATOES

## COVERS' QUARREL

Why do you always have to put Alfred E. Neuman on every cover? What does the "E" even stand for? Can't you ever put a celebrity falling or something? I'm getting bored of the same old thing. If you put this in Letters and Tomatoes, I'd be pretty happy because all of my friends have sent to you, but never actually saw them in the next issue. Some of them stopped reading MAD because of that.

**Gabe Christensen • Ontario, Canada**

**Gabe Ruth** — We put Alfred on every cover because back in June 1997, we got a whiny letter from some punk in Saskatoon complaining that we did too many covers of celebrities "falling or something" and that we should put Alfred on the cover more. You and your countrymen need to make up your minds about what you want from this magazine! You also said your friends stopped reading the magazine. That's funny — we don't remember getting any other letters from Ontario in the past. Ohhh...wait. Are these *imaginary* friends you're talking about? Well, you'll certainly have the last laugh when you show them this issue at your next tea party! —Ed.

P.S. The "E" stands for Robert.



## THE MISSING INK

My friend Hayden has always loved MAD magazine, and he reads it all the time. It was his birthday and I didn't know what to get him, so being that we own a tattoo shop together, and he's always been really keen on getting lots of tattoos, I wanted to surprise him with one. But you don't normally get to see what's inside your birthday presents, so I didn't want him to know what the tattoo was before he got it.

Anyway, I had to draw it in the wee hours of the morning when he wasn't at the shop yet, and then pretty much from the moment he got in, 'til the last few minutes of the tattoo, he had to stay blindfolded. I wanted to make Alfred's face REALLY nicely rendered, the way that the covers are always done, so Hayden ended up sitting there for 3 1/2 hours! When it was done, he finally got to take off his blindfold and see what I'd done. He was ecstatic and has no problem dropping his pants for anyone who wants to see the "Happy Birthday" present he got this year. I think it's one of his favorite tattoos now!



Since then I have done two more "Happy Birthday" tattoos where the person is blindfolded. People trust it because it's definitely a very special gift from one person to the other and I'd never exploit it. Except when I see an opportunity to tag someone with MAD's main man. HAHA!

**Lizzie Renaud, Speakeasy Tattoo  
Toronto, Canada**

**Lizzie Gillespie** — Hayden is lucky to have a friend like you. The last time we wound up blindfolded in a tattoo shop, we left with the entire cast of *The View* tattooed across our backs. Let's just say, Barbara Walters has a LOT of wrinkles to ink...and you feel every single one of them. —Ed.

## THE TWEET IS ON

Our recent issue featuring Justin Bieber generated more than a little outrage from his fans on Twitter. Here are a few of the exclamation-point-heavy highlights:



**ActualMrsBieber** @AlfredENeuman u are so sad and useless that u have to hate on the top teen celeb right now to make your stupid magazine "known"

**JBsBigHeart** Whoever is part of that MAD Magazine...You made more than 7 milion fans mad. Be ready!

**yulee1616** MAD magazine needs to know something – HELL is being renovated & will have an even darker & more cruel basement for Bieber Deniers & haters!

**asz99** do you hate the MAD magazine??? i do O.o

**TheBieberYear** If u saw the mad magazine cover...I hate it its talking trash about justin...

**jennaroedi** @CJBeatbox just informed me of MAD magazine with @justinbieber on the cover. NOT happy about this one!

**Leslie\_Rene** I officially hate #MAD magazine!!!! they are writing rude crap about @justinbieber almost made me cry :( \_i will always be there

**zozo876** I HATE MAD MAGAZINE:@ ugghh they alwayz say bas stuff about JB:(!! I SOO wnna kill thm

**KirbyKayBieber** I HATE U MAD MAGAZINE!!!!!! I HAAAT-TEEEEEE UUUUUUUUU!!!!!! ANYONE..... ANYONNEEEE BUT OUR BIEBER!

**MiaBiebswift13** i hate mad magazine!!!

**helentaylor99** i just hate MAD magazine....

**kennziebieber** I HATE that new MAD magazine about @justinbieber. how could anyone be so mean? people are screwed up.

**abercrombiebby** K'so i'm totally #pissed at Mad Magazine. They made fun of everything about @justinbieber :/

**JBMassachusetts** so they have this 'mad' magazine & justins on the cover & all they do is talk trash about him its HORRIBLE

Thanks to everyone who tweeted! Your reactions are EXACTLY like Justin's music — full of emotion, but completely pointless.

## TRUMPED-UP CHARGES

I have one question: on the first frame on page 50 of MAD #508, Donald Trump has a clown wig that has a price tag of \$1.99, but then on the third frame, the price tag says \$3.50. What's up with that?

**Cameron Hallett • Fort Wayne, IN**

**Digital Cameron** — Apparently you don't follow the news. If you did, you'd know that lately, the price of clown wigs has shot up even more than the price of gas (thankfully, those tiny clown cars get good mileage). It's been a financial tragedy for the nation's clowns, and artist Tom Bunk was attempting to raise awareness about this increasingly dire situation. Thank you for bringing attention to this pressing issue — and please join us in hoping that the prices of red rubber noses and oversized shoes remain stable. —Ed.

## TREBEK AND FORTH

Thought you'd like to know you were an answer on *Jeopardy!* on Friday February 11th. The question (answer) was, "Former Harvard Lampoon staffer Doug Kenney was the first editor of this magazine." Paul, the reigning champ, who had won over \$71,000 in four days, replied, "MAD." The answer was wrong, of course; but a shout-out on syndicated TV is still a shout-out, right? What is odder still is that my wife, who knows I subscribe to MAD, yelled out the answer, "MAD" at the exact same time as Paul. So my question to you, MAD: is my wife having an affair with Paul?

**Garry Powell • Richmond, VA**

**Powell to the People** — There are a few ways to tell if your wife is having an affair with a *Jeopardy!* champion. 1) She keeps showing off her \$71,000 brooch. 2) She comes home smelling all "Ken Jennings-ish." 3) She seems to know more than a normal amount about Potent Potables. 4) During sex, she accidentally calls you "Paul, the reigning champ." 5) She's married to Garry Powell. —Ed.

## ALFRED E. NEUMAN LOOK-A-LIKE

Normally, readers send us pictures of people they think look like Alfred. But sometimes, one will just fall into our laps! That's what happened when we turned on the TV and saw country-crooning Alfred doppelganger Scott McCreery on *American Idol*. We don't know what the future holds for the young singer, but we do know that with a face like that, the hack producers on that show are going to give him one HELL of a makeover.



## DOWN AND DERBY

My name is Holden and I live in Toledo, Ohio. Each year, I partake in the Pinewood Derby as part of Cub Scouts. I love MAD magazine, especially Spy Vs. Spy, so this year, my dad and I decided to build a Spy Vs. Spy-themed car. My car placed third, and I'm going to districts. Everyone loved my car.

**Holden Zuschlag  
Toledo, OH**



**Know When to Holden** —

We love the car — but *third place*? That might be good enough for a car affiliated with *Good Housekeeping* — but you're representing MAD! And we expect you to come back from districts with a trophy that's bigger than you are. First off, you need to strip out those stock wheels and replace them with a set of Kinashawa XR-73 Pro-Glide Victory Wheelz (they're \$125 each, but that's just the price of greatness). Next, you need to ditch your dad and work on your car's design with an established engineer (if Pop cries, he cries). Lastly — and we can't stress this enough — steroids, steroids, steroids. Steel your nerves, tighten your neckerchief, and we'll see you in the winners' circle! —Ed.

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# LETTERS AND TOMATOES



## MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Recently, MAD artist Tom Richmond caught up with actor Rich Sommer (who plays Harry Crane on *Mad Men*) and showed him the spoof of the show that he illustrated in MAD #509. Obviously, Rich is unhappy. It's not clear if it's because he works on *Mad Men*, or is just a huge fan of Justin Bieber. Sadly, either way, Tom didn't provide any pictures of the fisticuffs that followed!



## READER ALERT

Everyone who wrote in this month is in for a whole gaggle of great giveaways! You'll be getting a copy of *All-Star Superman* on DVD, courtesy of our friends at Warner Home Video; a t-shirt from our pals at Out of Print Clothing ([outofprintclothing.com](http://outofprintclothing.com)) and a Head-Lite Hat from our chums at Graham Tool Co., Inc ([grahamtool.com](http://grahamtool.com)). If you missed out, don't you worry, Suri — they're all on sale now! With giveaways like these, do you really need more of an incentive to drop us a line? Don't be a stranger, y'all!

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## ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Steve Potter of Cedar Falls, Iowa sent us this envelope, which was inspired by the back cover of a Spy Vs. Spy paperback. Once again, plagiarism pays off!



## OF MICE AND MENTAL

I would like you to clear up an issue with my family. While discussing your magazine, we came to the topic of Spy. Vs. Spy. My mom forgot what it was, until I told her it was the white mouse and black mouse trying to kill each other. When she understood what I was talking about, she said that they weren't mice, but people. While I disagreed, my sister and dad were on her side. I even showed them a Spy Vs. Spy comic, but they still don't believe that they are mice. Can you please clear up the problem?

Sierra Rush • Grand Blanc, MI

Wait and Sierra — It's hard for us to understand why your family keeps insisting that the Spies aren't mice. As all *true* fans know, the Black and White Spies are based on a rare species of mouse found in the jungles of Cuba (where "Spy Vs. Spy" creator Antonio Prohias was born). Havana Battlemice (pictured) wear tiny fedoras, craft ingenious traps, and even hold their claws in a "V" formation upon their rival's death. We hope this clears up the problem! Now you can deal with a *bigger* problem: a family that refuses to believe a single word you say. —Ed.



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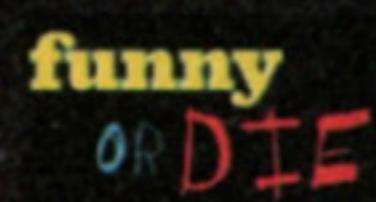
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# CHARLIE SHEEN MARTIN SHEEN

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WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

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# THE FUNDA LINI PAGES

## SURPRISES TO WATCH FOR IN THE 2011 BASEBALL SEASON



Betty White's star will continue to rise as she is romantically linked to Alex Rodriguez.



Umpiring will continue to be controversial, as a second-base umpire misses a steal because he was on his cell phone.



In an effort to gain on the NFL's popularity, more than one manager will post a foot fetish video online.



There will be yet another Tasering incident in Philadelphia (which should have been expected on the night they hand out free Tasers to the first 30,000 fans.)



Hurting for cash, MLB will add four more expansion teams: in Dubai, Beijing, Vatican City and, for some reason, another one in Cleveland.

## Latest Classified Ads

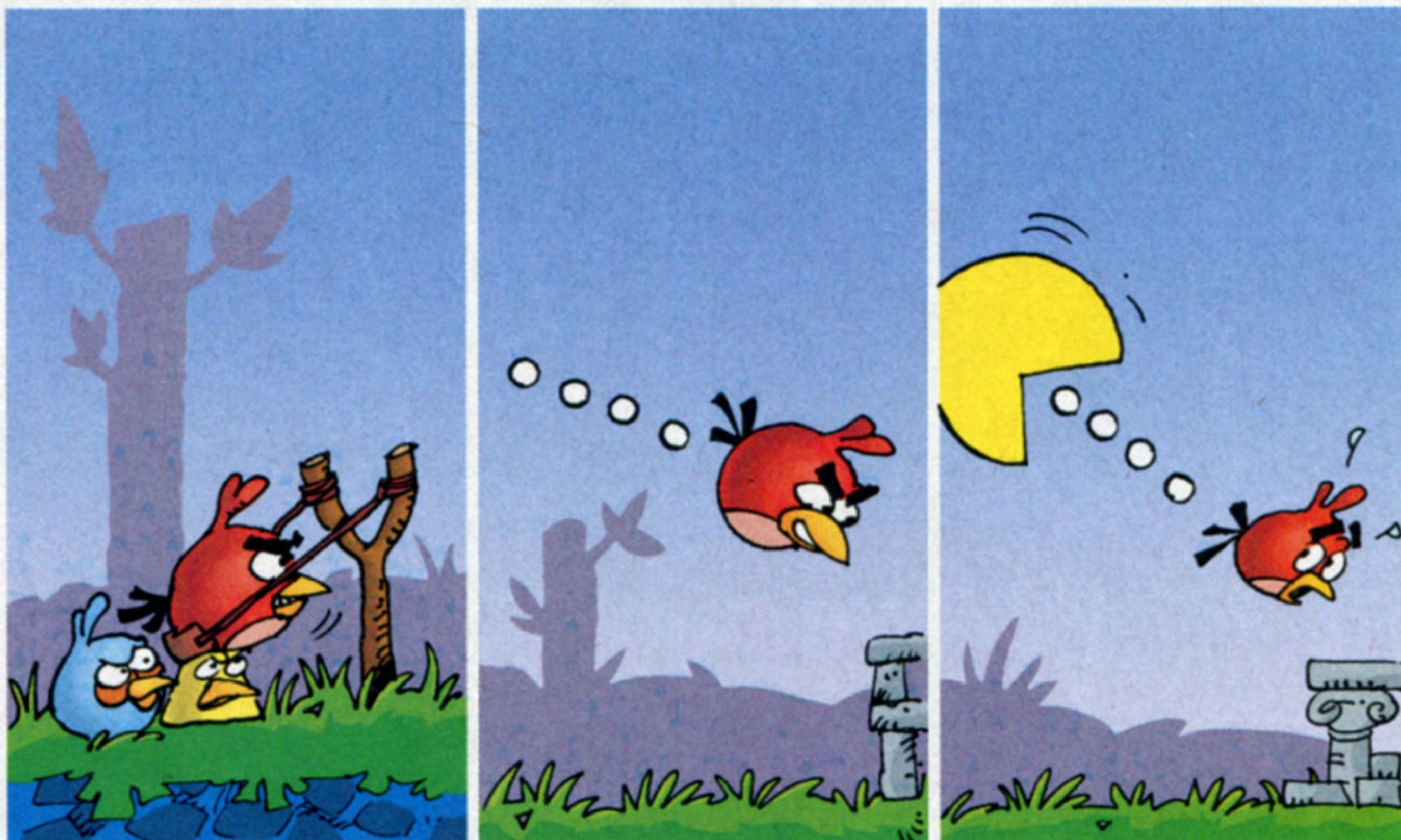
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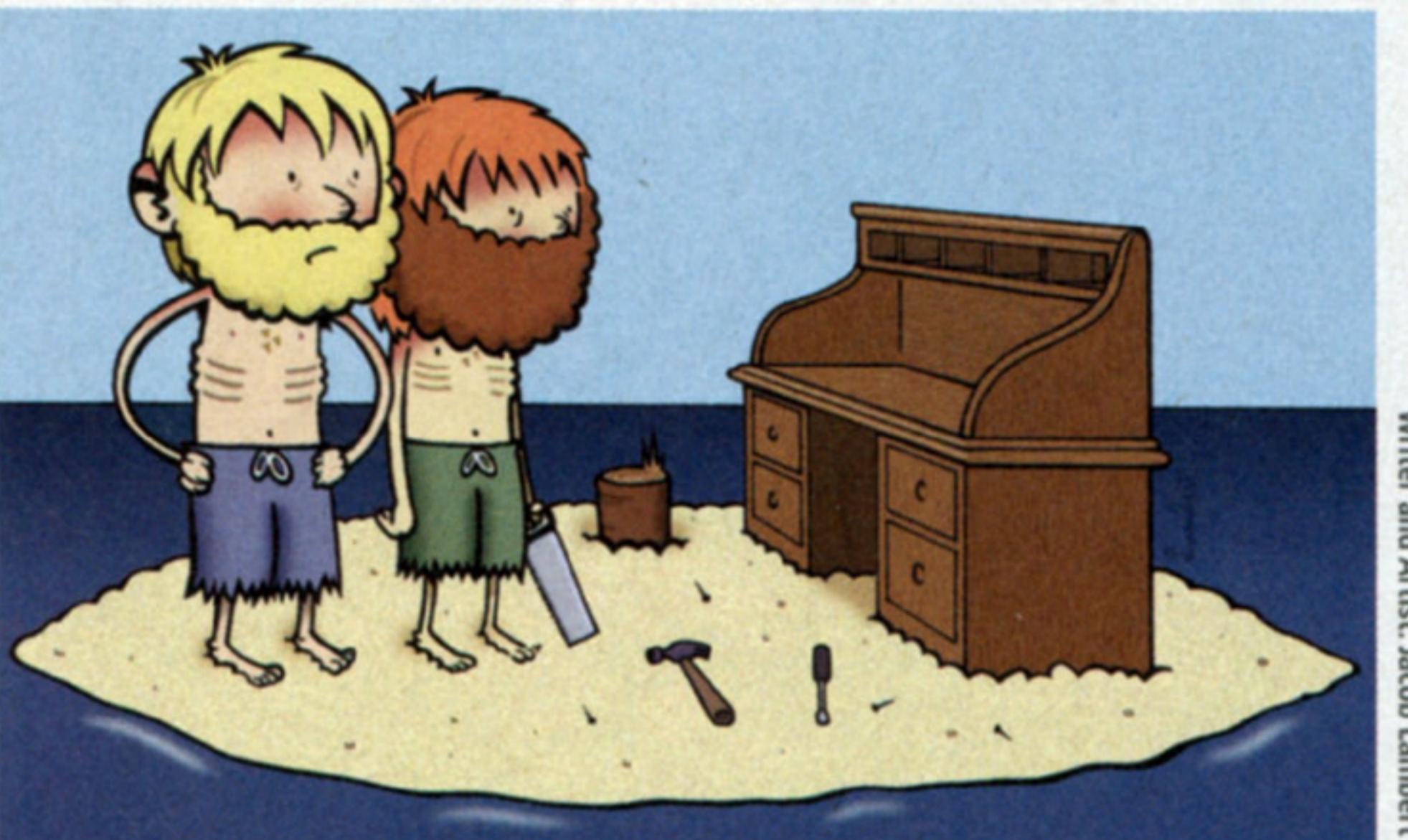
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## Angry Birds



Writer and Artist: Sergio Aragonés

## Leg of Lambert



"Or a raft. A raft might've been good."

## SUPERHERO ORIGINS GONE WRONG!

### Superman



A LONE SURVIVOR FROM A DYING PLANET IS SENT TO EARTH TO BECOME ITS SAVIOR...



...BUT THE TRIP TAKES A LITTLE LONGER THAN EXPECTED.

Writer and Artist: Kenny Keil

### Batman



A BILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY IS CONTEMPLATING A CAREER IN VIGILANTISM WHEN A BAT FLIES THROUGH HIS WINDOW...

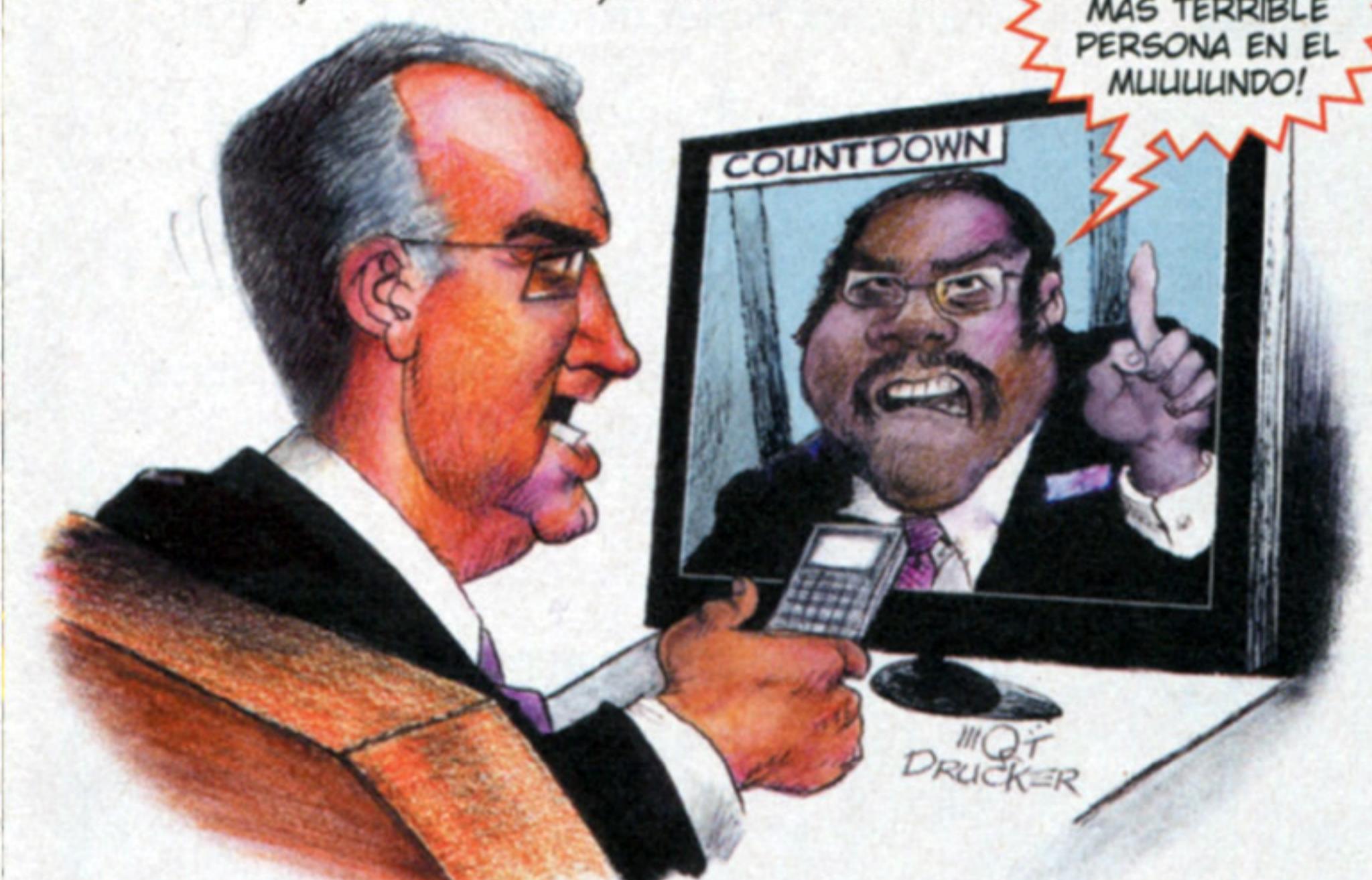


...INSPIRING HIM TO BECOME BROKEN-WINDOW MAN.

## THE STUPID SIX REASONS KEITH OLBERMANN IS NO LONGER ON COUNTDOWN

- 1 He needed time off to undergo intensive physical rehab, after tearing every muscle in his neck making those overdramatic camera-to-camera swivels.
- 2 He finally used up every possible synonym for "bad," including "reprehensible," "noxious," "feculent," "accursed," "stygian," "turpidinous," "naufragating" and "grody to the max."
- 3 It's a tough economy, and MSNBC plans to eventually outsource his job to Guatemala.

JOHN BOEHNER, ESTA NOCHE'S MAS TERRIBLE PERSONA EN EL MUUUUNDO!



### Green Lantern

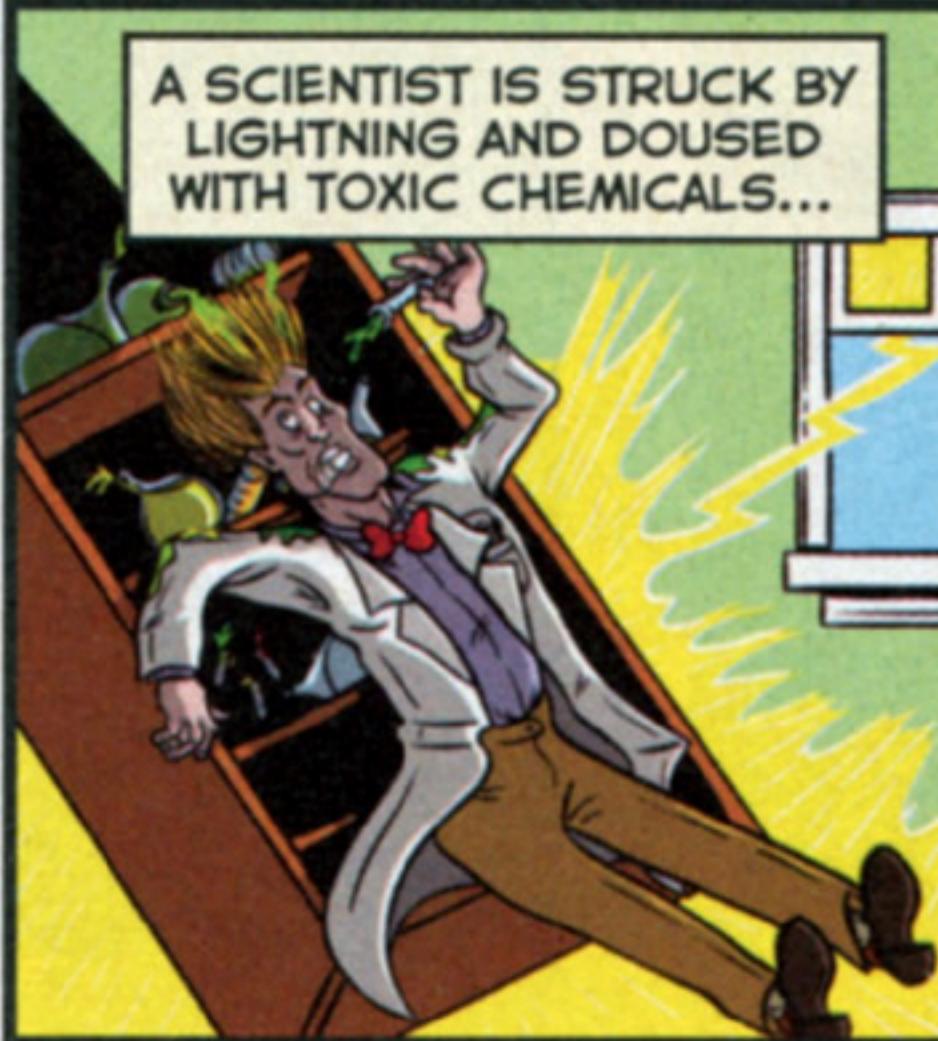


A COCKY TEST PILOT IS GIVEN A STRANGE RING FROM A SHIPWRECKED ALIEN...



...UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ALIEN'S CUSTOMS, HE MISTAKENLY ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL.

### The Flash



A SCIENTIST IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND DOSED WITH TOXIC CHEMICALS...



...HE DOESN'T GET ANY SUPERPOWERS, BUT HE ENDS UP DOING QUITE WELL FOR HIMSELF IN AN OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT.

- 4 Just as in Tunisia and Egypt, Olbermann was another entrenched tyrant to be swept from power by a sudden uprising.
- 5 It frees up five hours of MSNBC airtime to show even MORE prison shows about flesh-eating convicts.
- 6 Olbermann finally came to understand that his cartoonishly one-sided rhetoric was nothing more than the mirror image of the lowest slanders coming from the other side of the political divide, and that by automatically reducing every opponent to a thuggish monster, he had long since become grotesque, fatally corroding his own moral center. (Ha! Just kidding!)

# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## Surprising Proposals in the NFL Labor Talks



A new licensing agreement in which players must now dump Burger King milkshakes on the winning coach.

Establishment of a league-wide swear jar.

The option to go to an NBA-style 82-game season by 2017.

Easter eggs that unlock graphic sex scenes (Madden videogame only).

A hard salary cap for stadium vendors, ushers, and ticket-takers.

Super Bowl winners who don't plan to go to Disneyland may now tell everyone which strip club they're going to.

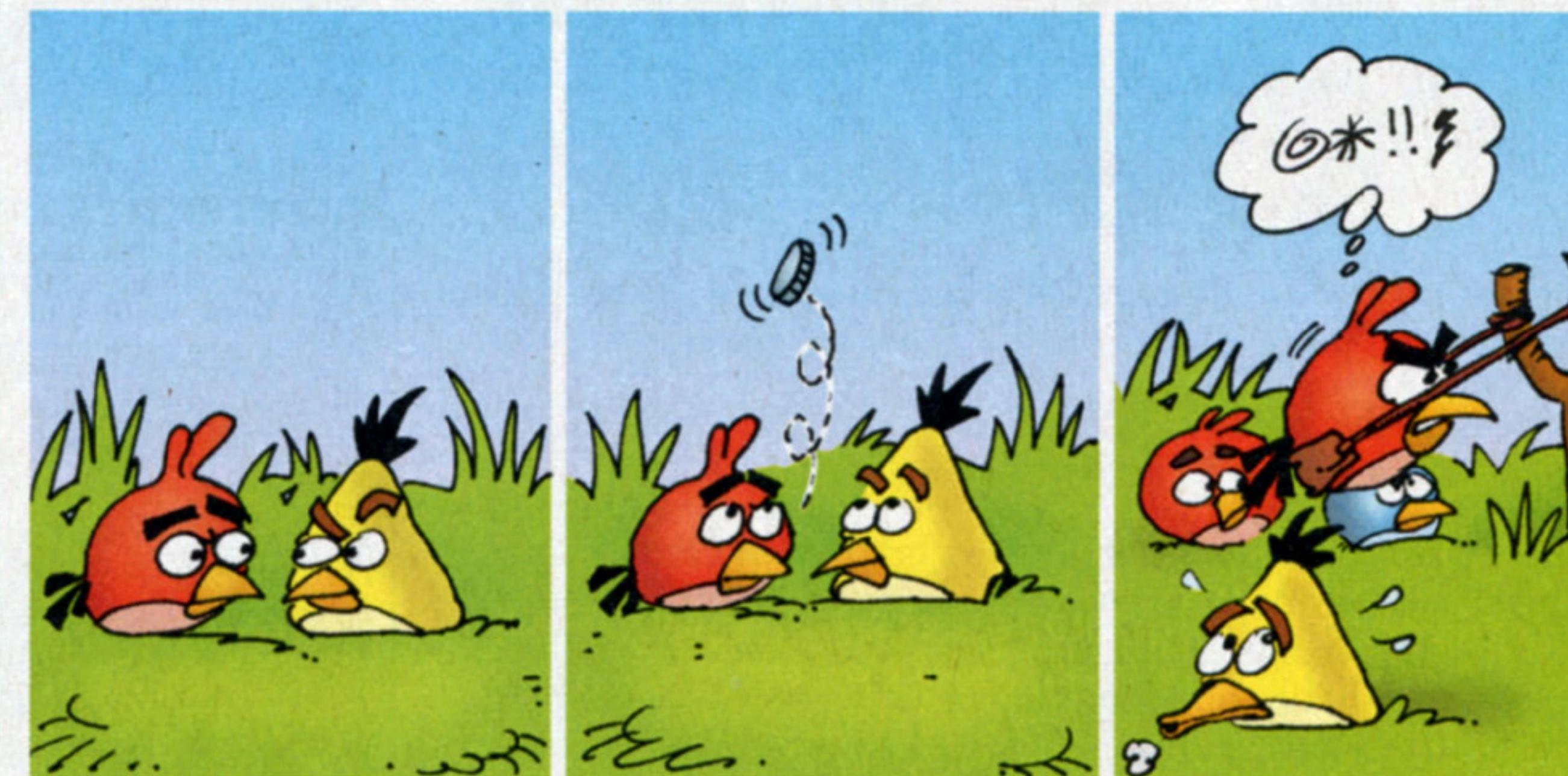
Writer: Jeff Kruse

Artist: Sam Viviano

## MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY



## Angrier Birds



Writer and Artist: Sergio Aragonés

## This Bland is Your Bland



Writer and Artist: Tom Bland

## Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds

### BILL O'REILLY

- Inexplicably "spinned" to death.....3:1
- Drowns in own spittle during tirade against the *New York Times*.....5:1
- Repeatedly kicked in nuts by Keith Olbermann during chance encounter in men's room...9:1
- Malignant pomposity.....12:1
- Repeatedly kicked in nuts by Joy Behar during chance encounter in men's room.....15:1
- Accidentally suffocated while kissing the cellulite-ridden ass of the morbidly obese, multi-chinned Fox News President-douchebag Roger Ailes.....25:1
- Chokes on chicken bone at dinner honoring him as Daily Kos "Man of the Year".....8,000,000:1



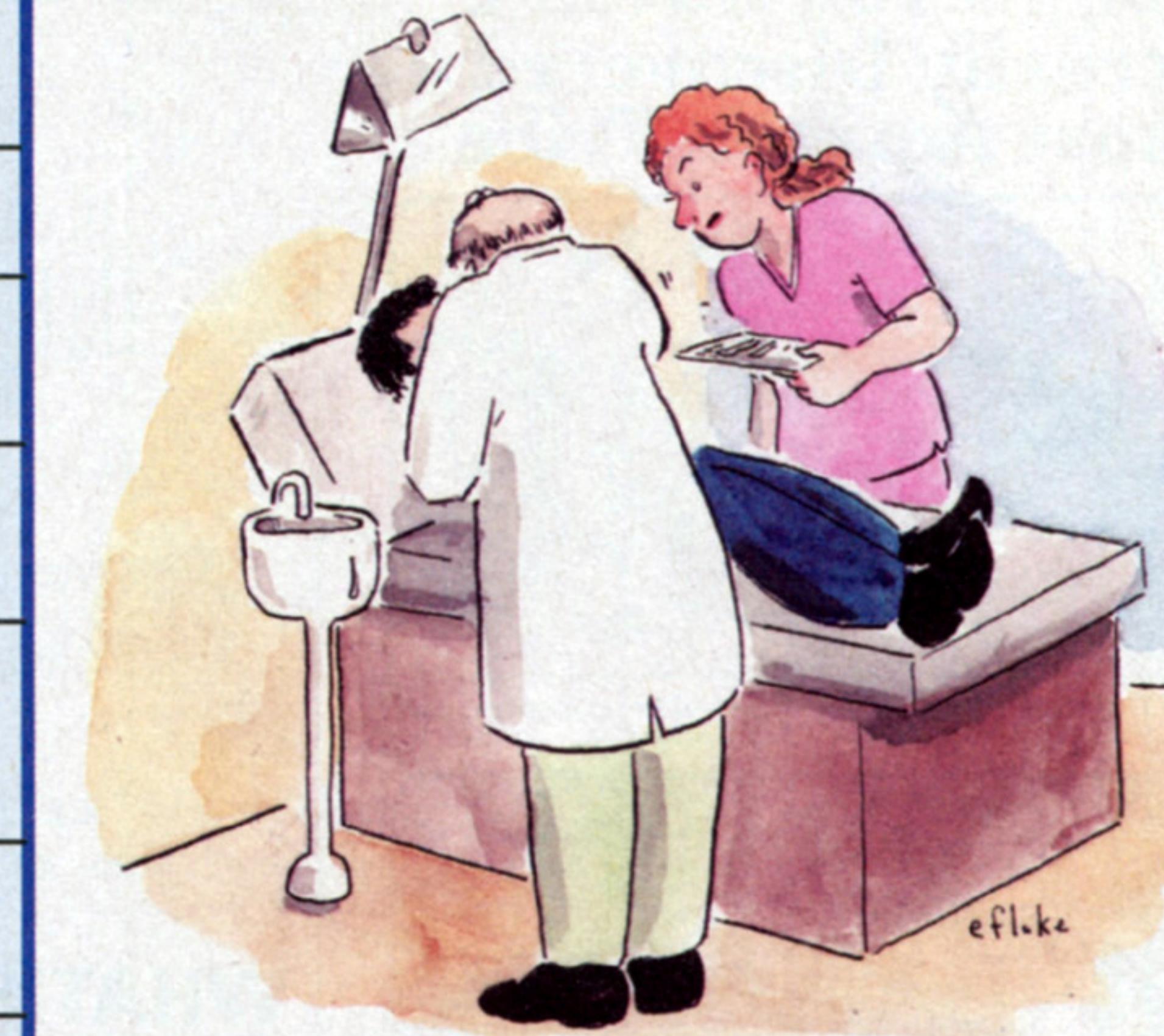
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## TED WILLIAMS VS. TED WILLIAMS

	Golden-Voiced Homeless Guy	Hall of Fame Baseball Player
Won the Triple Crown twice		
Father of tennis phenoms Venus and Serena		
Spent the last several years in freezing temperatures		
Is Oprah's long-lost half-sibling (that we know of)		
Dr. Phil predicted his eventual undoing		
Had an expressway in San Diego named for him (We're 99% sure it's not the homeless guy)		

Writer: Jeff Kruse

## Gimme a Flake



Writer and Artist: Emily Flake

## SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

### College of Generic State University

Lintball, KY

#### TUITION

\$499.95 per semester (no pennies, please)

#### MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Revisionist Chemistry; Theoretical Theory; English as a 32nd Language

#### ALMA MATER SONG

"The Wheat Shall Be Avenged," which was written when they were still a military academy/agriculture school 100 years ago, and no one bothered changing it.

#### LOCAL SPORTS HERO

Shortstop Jose del Garza overcame an impoverished Dominican childhood, where he had to use a milk carton as a glove, and won a full baseball scholarship. He still uses the milk carton, which may be why he led the conference in errors last season.

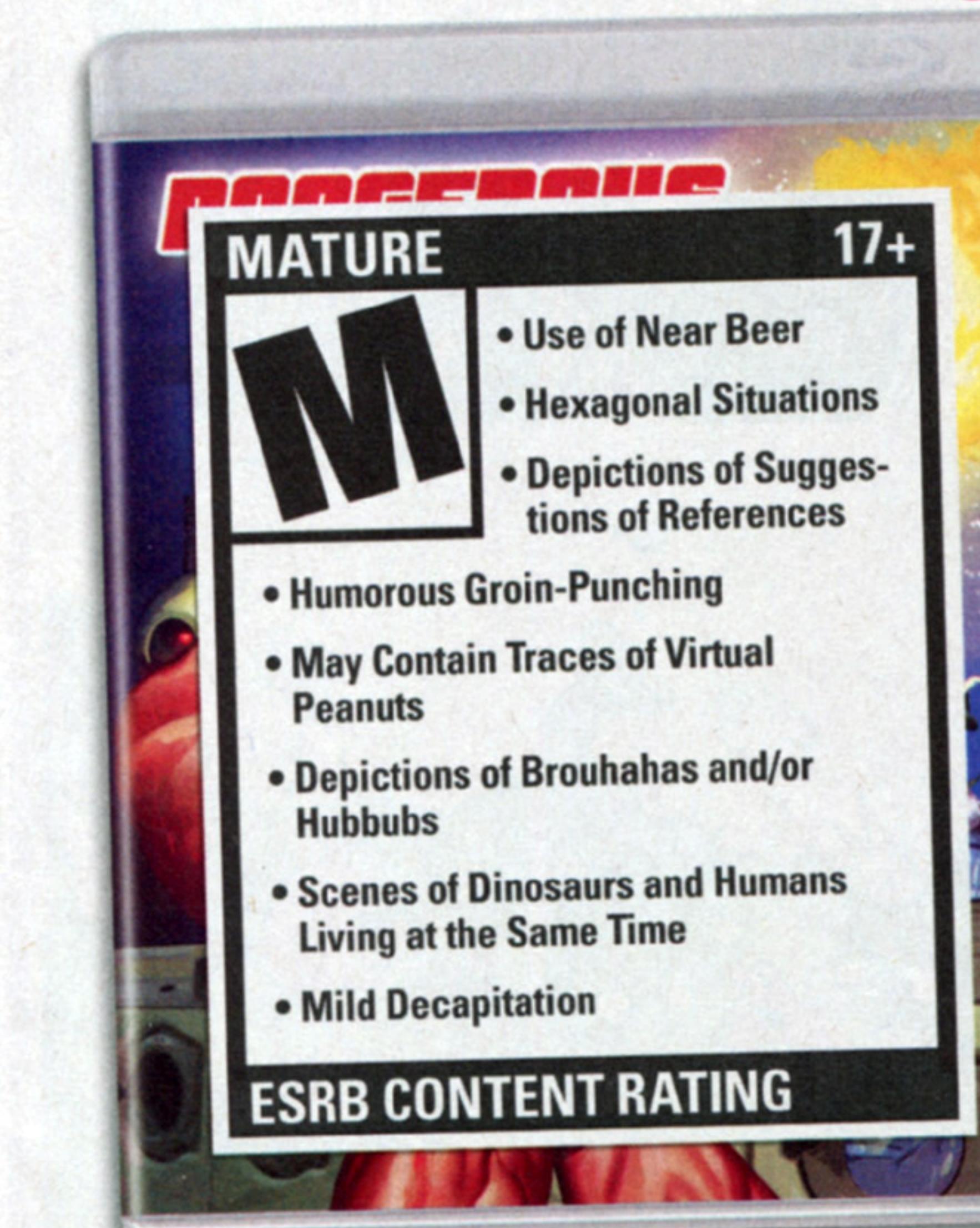
#### MISC. FACTS

- Their team name was changed in 1998 so as not to offend Native Americans, which was odd, since no Native American groups seemed to be offended by the name "Lions."
- The first college to offer sub-prime loans to students living in dorms.
- Prospective students do not need to show SAT scores, but they must show a completed Sudoku puzzle from USA Today.



Writer: Jeff Kruse  
Artist: Charles Akins

## Reasons for That "Mature" ESRB Rating



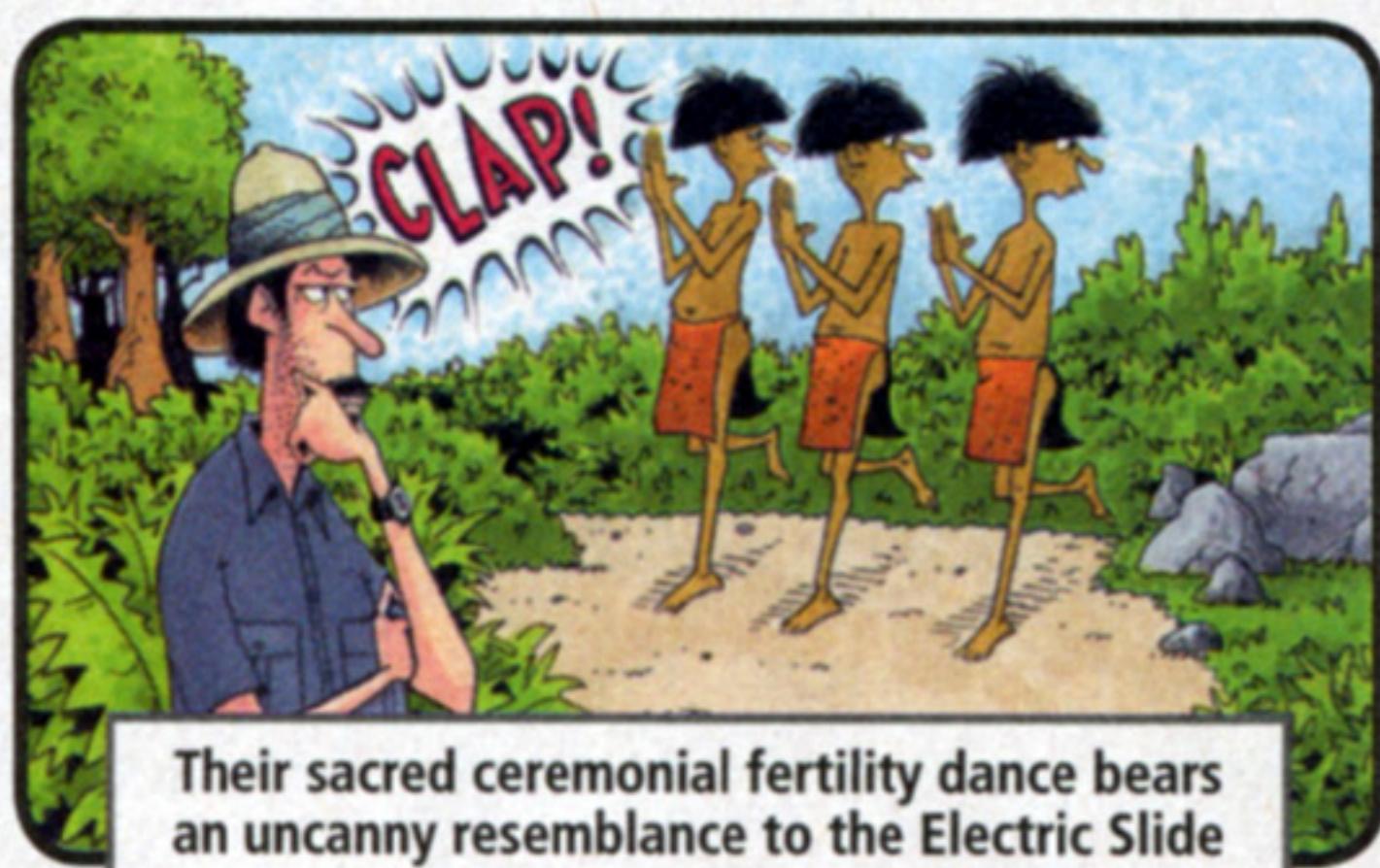
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# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## Signs You Haven't Actually Discovered a Lost Amazon Tribe



They contend that they invented the cupcake

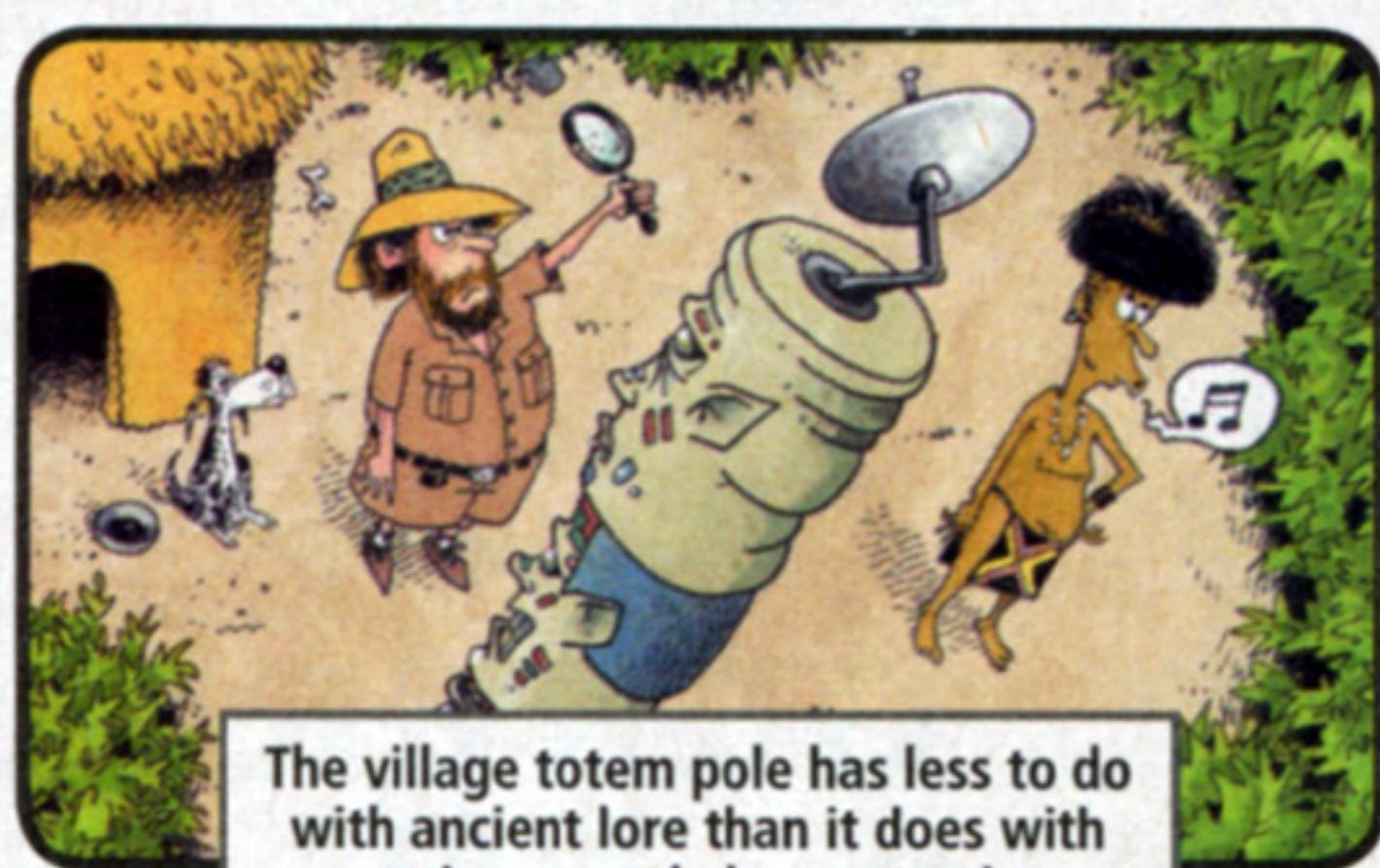


Their sacred ceremonial fertility dance bears an uncanny resemblance to the Electric Slide



Found among their "Rites of Passage" body symbols: biker tats

Writer and Artist: John Caldwell

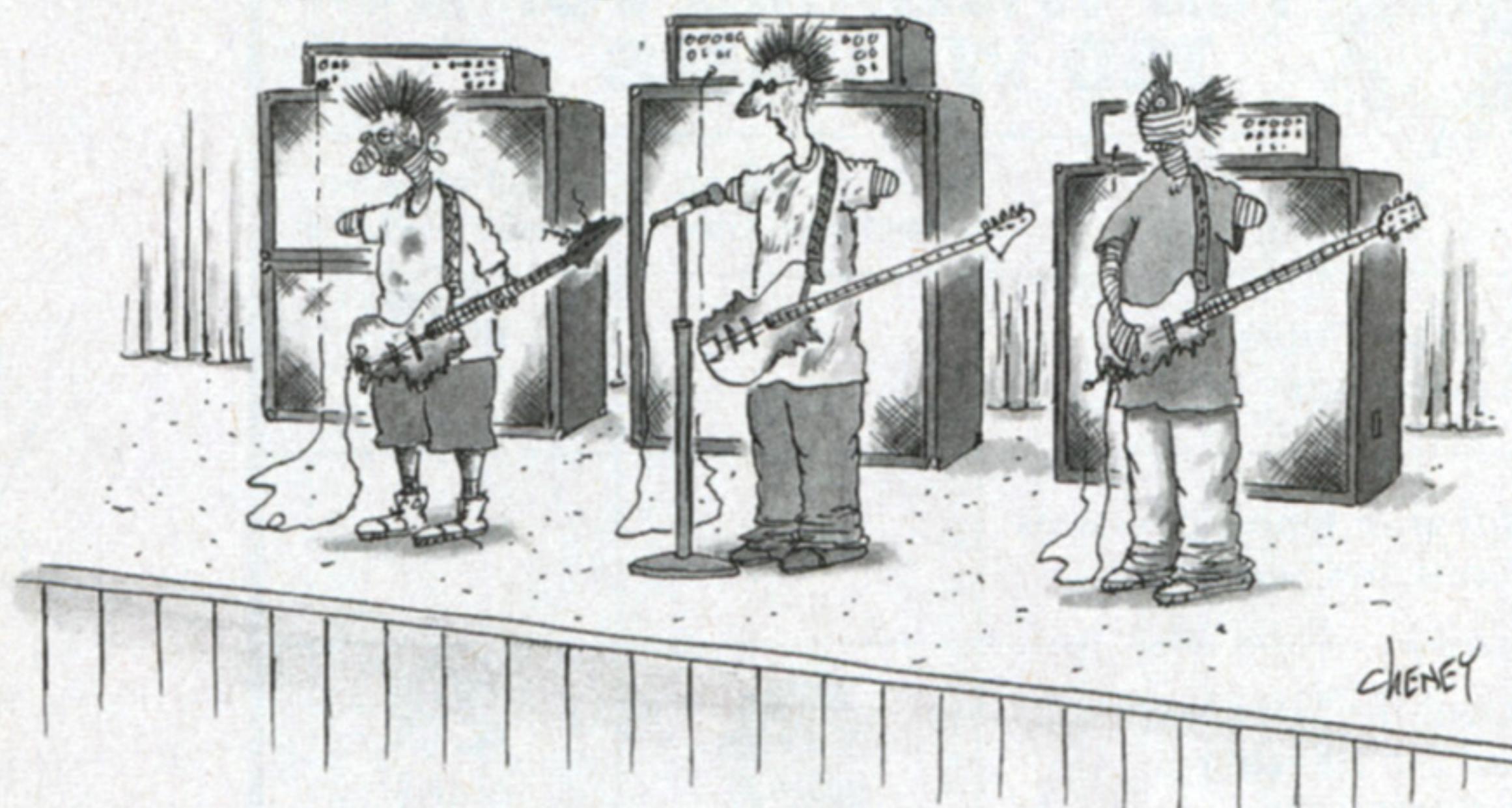


The village totem pole has less to do with ancient lore than it does with getting crystal-clear reception



Their sacred tribal artifacts collection consists mainly of shrunken Chia Heads

## Pull My Cheney



"OUR FIRST SONG IS ABOUT THREE MUSICIANS WHO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REALLY COOL TO PUMP 6000 VOLTS THROUGH THEIR GUITARS."

Writer and Artist:  
Tom Cheney

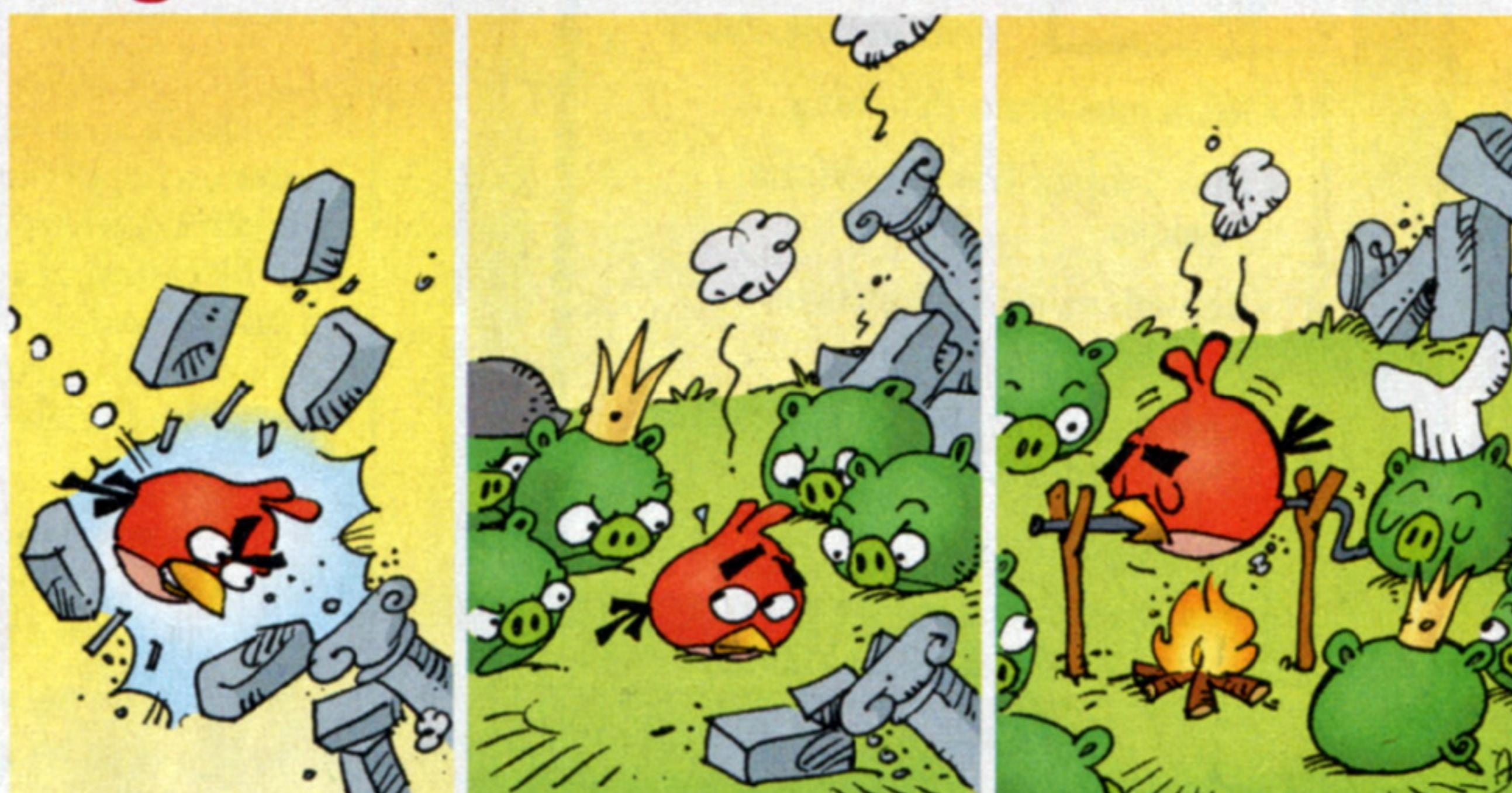
## WHAT'S MAKING JOHN BOEHNER CRY THIS WEEK?

- He just realized he has to actually govern, and can't rely on whining and finger-pointing all the time.
- The phrase "Republican nominee Michele Bachmann" keeps running through his head.
- The thought of jobless Americans who are suffering...no, wait, that's wrong. We're thinking of Senator Bernie Sanders.
- Oil and tobacco lobbyists haven't adjusted their contributions to keep up with cost-of-living increases.
- He's hurt by people who criticize his constant crying.

Writer: Jeff Kruse  
Artist: Rick Tulka



## Angriest Birds



Writer and Artist: Sergio Aragonés

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MY RESPONSE TO THE TERRORIST-  
INSPIRED DEMONSTRATIONS

Tomorrow, even from tonight, these people PLURAL NOUN who leave Muammar Qaddafi, FIRST NAME LAST NAME if I was the president I would have thrown VERB (PAST TENSE) my resignation at your face BODY PART, but I don't have. I will fight VERB until the last drop of my blood LIQUID. With the Libyan NATIONALITY people behind me. You are a solid ADJECTIVE rock NOUN that was bitten by the American aggression. NATIONALITY ADJECTIVE NOUN Take your children PLURAL NOUN from the streets. They took your children PLURAL NOUN away from you. Your children PLURAL NOUN are dying. For what reason NOUN? For what purpose NOUN? For nothing, but to burn Libya. COUNTRY Libyan NATIONALITY peace died. Your children PLURAL NOUN died. But their children PLURAL NOUN are in America COUNTRY, and in Europe CONTINENT. What is this scare of these gangs PLURAL NOUN? Gangs PLURAL NOUN, like rats PLURAL NOUN, means nothing. One NUMBER in a million from the Libyan NATIONALITY people, it can do nothing. They were given these tablets PLURAL NOUN, like in tea LIQUID, imitating, they were just imitating the people in Tunisia COUNTRY and Egypt COUNTRY.

"A great inspiration!"

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of Iran

"A valuable resource!"

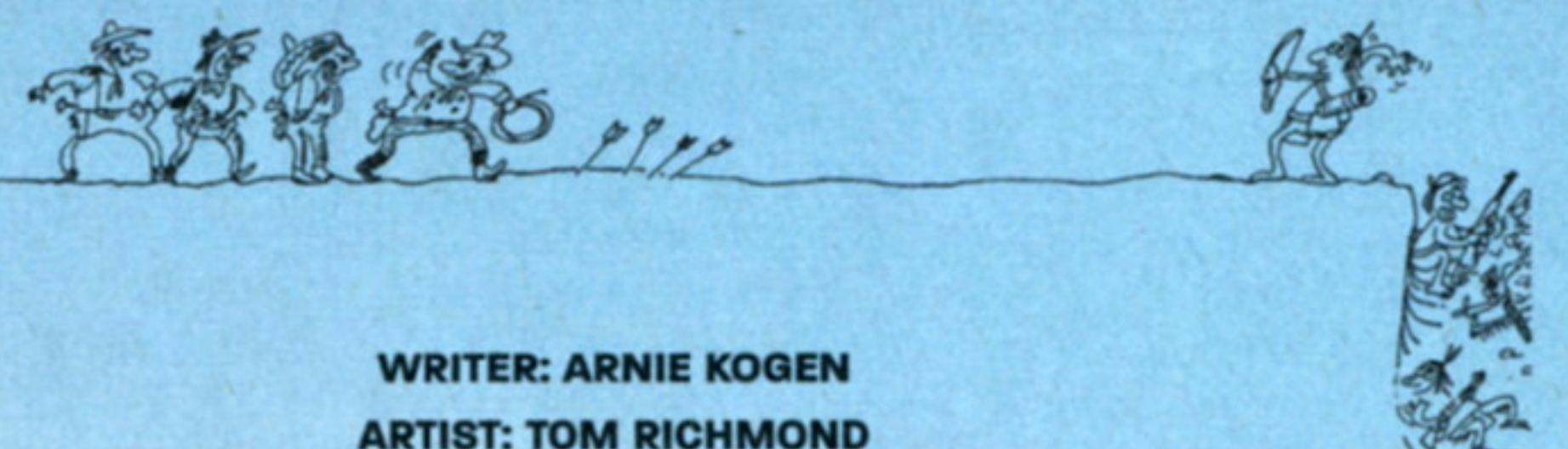
Kim Jong-il, Supreme Leader of North Korea

"A bit tame, but makes for a good distraction between banging porn skanks."

Charlie Sheen, Former Actor

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Okay...there's an old guy, a Latin bombshell wife half his age, two gay dudes with an adopted Asian baby, a frazzled mom, a goofy husband and a bunch of kids. Put them all on a desert island and you've got a very bad sequel to *Lost*. But put them in suburbia, make them all related and you've got...



# muddled family

WRITER: ARNIE KOGAN  
ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

I'm Jake! You may recognize me. In 1997 I was inducted into "The Television Sitcom Character Hall of Fame"—The Cranky Wing! I'm back and this time I've added another level to my acting range: grumpy! Yes, I switch back and forth from cranky to grumpy! You're gonna want to DVR that. Last time I had a sitcom series I had a ditzy wife and a sexpot daughter. In this series they've combined them both. I've got a hot, fiery Latina sexpot wife half my age. We've got about as much in common as Morley Safer and Shakira! It's what they call a May-December romance. If I'm lucky, I may live 'til December!

My name eees Glorious! I am from Colombia. The country, not the Ivy League university! How you say in America, "Duh." In Colombia I come from a small village which happens to be the murder capital of the country. Now I live in Los Angeles. So I feel right at home here. I have this theeek accent. You can't understand half the words I say. But look at me. Does it matter? I could be reading the Congressional Record and guys 18-45 will be tuning in!

I'm Phizz! Punch the word "doofus" into Google and my picture pops up. I come from a long line of goofy sitcom TV dads trying to be cool. My thang: to connect to my kids and try to act young! I keep up on social media, I learn the latest slang and I'm even trying to get acne! I like to bust the latest dance moves, like The Twist and The Funky Chicken. People look at me and think, "He's hip and happening." Others look at me and think, "Hip surgery is happening!"

I'm Clairoil! I'm the most normal, least colorful character in this family: a busy, frazzled suburban mom with three children. I have no gimmicks and no quirks. I don't have Tina Fey's wit, Betty White's charisma, or Julia Louis-Dreyfus' edge. The best I can say is that I have Rachael Ray's cookbook! On this show we're the traditional yuppie family, which means we're the dullest of the three groups. Without the other two lunatic families, this show would be as funny as *Ice Road Truckers*!

We're Twitchell and Cramp and we're both gay! The similarities end right there. We have less in common than the old guy and the Latin chick! As a gay couple on a prime-time network sitcom, we've broken a lot of ground — we've shown that gay characters can be just as clichéd and poorly-written as heterosexual ones!

I'm Cramp. Why am I even on this series?! I should be on *Glee*, for heaven's sake! Twitchell and I have two distinct personalities. Here's the difference: I have one! He's uptight and rigid and I'm a flamboyant free spirit! I'm Nathan Lane and Bruce Vilanch rolled into one. Yeah. I get it. I need to lose weight! I've known it ever since I had to let out the shower curtain!

This is Lolly, our adopted Vietnamese two-year-old. Why did we adopt an Asian child and not a white American baby? Simple: the Asian kid is good for at least nine more episodes' worth of plots, 28 more sub-plots and at least 412 more one-liners! You do the math. I'm talking to Lolly. She's only two but she's Asian. She can do the math!



Let's check our schedules: I'm showing a house at 11. Have a staff meeting at 2. Screw up our smoke alarm system at 6!

I'm jogging at 7. Breakfast for kids at 8. Yoga at 9. Prep lunch at 11. Lute's piano lesson at 2. Alox's dentist at 3, pot luck dinner at 7, PTA meeting at 9. Floss at 11!

Uh, by the way... any time for hanky-panky?

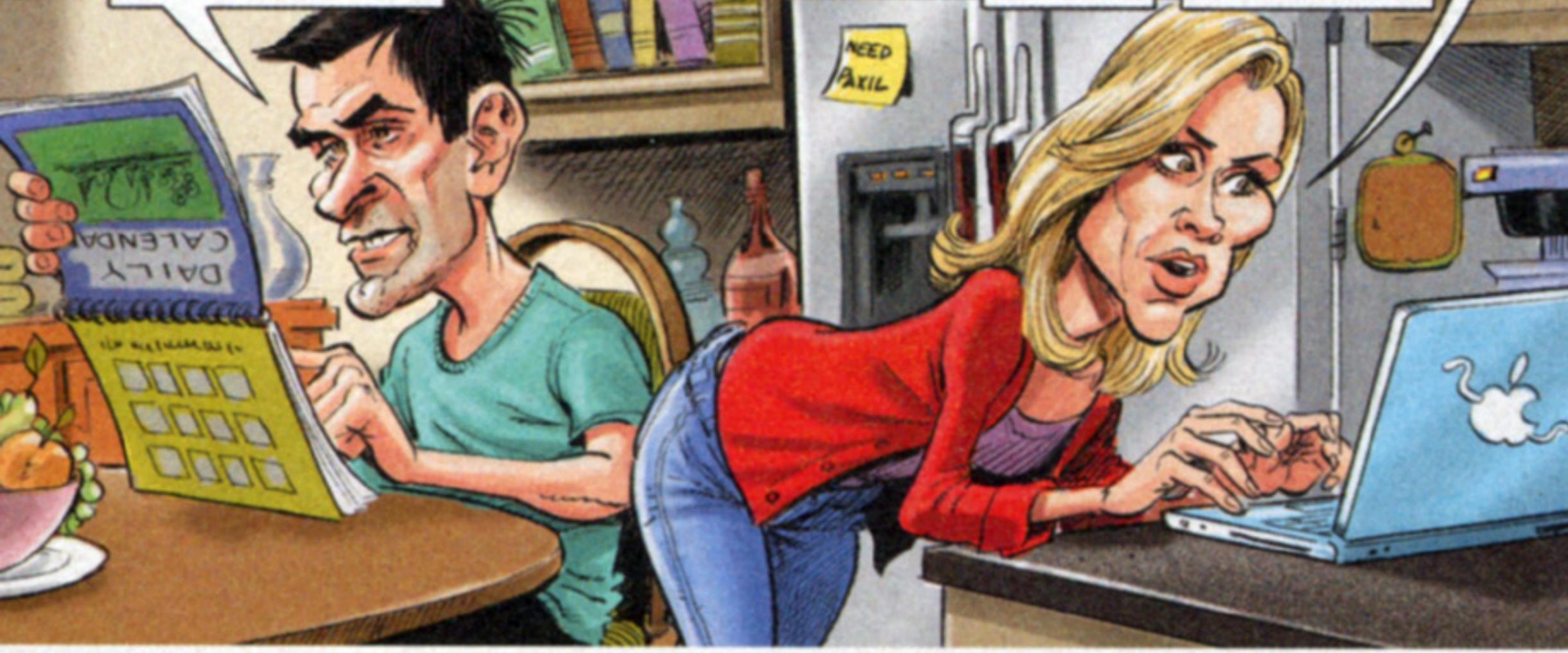
I can give you hanky at 11:15. Panky next Thursday at midnight.

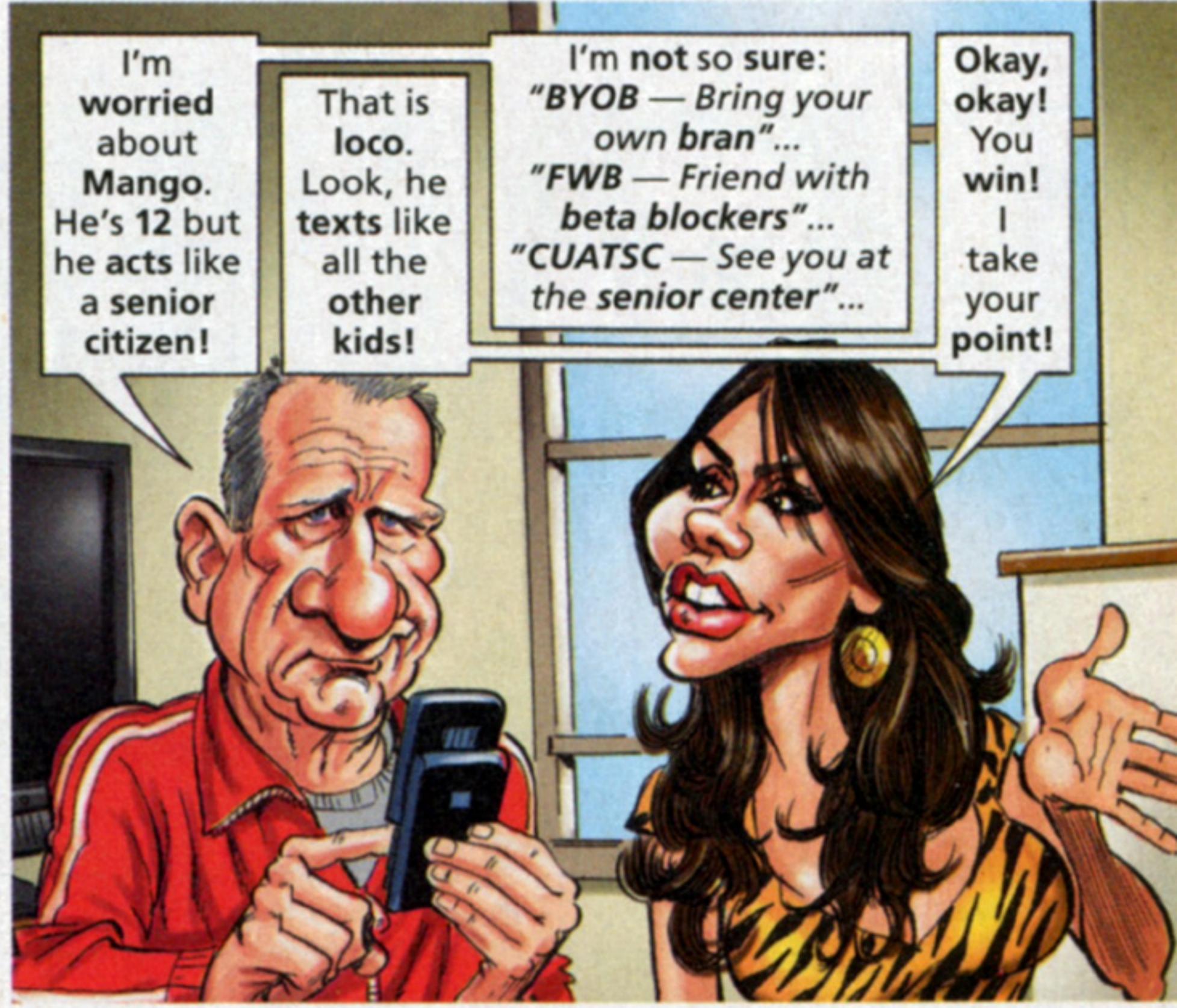
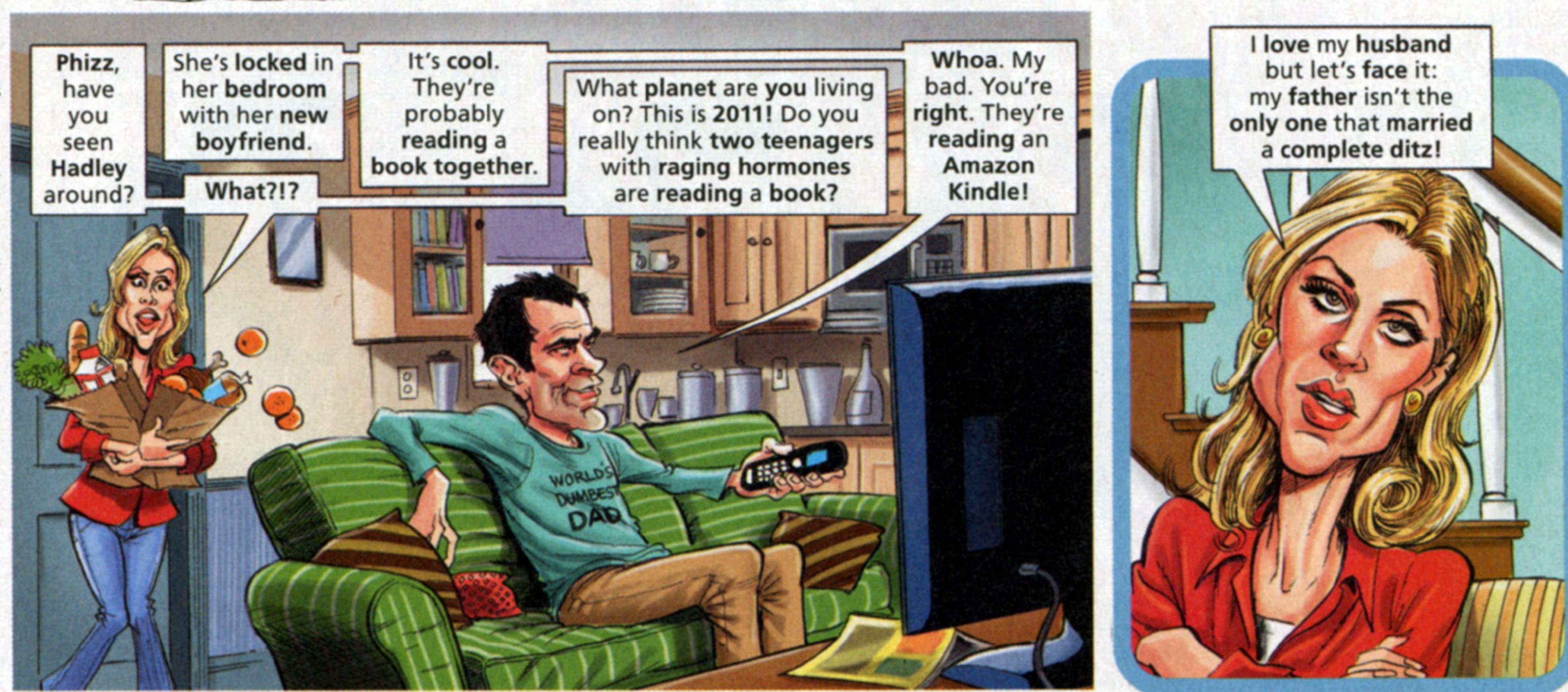
I think we're over-scheduled!

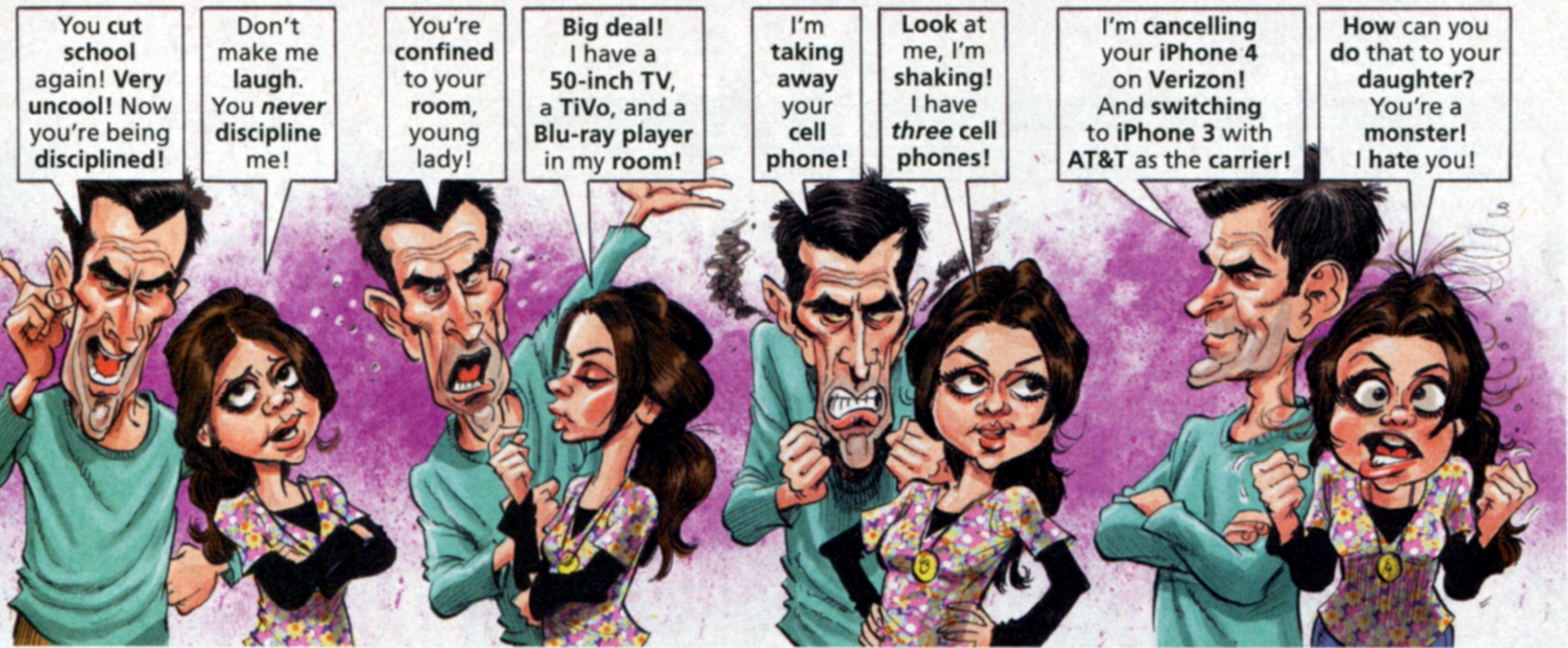
This is the interview portion of our show. We stop the script and the characters talk directly to camera.

It's shot in faux-documentary style. It's also called "mockumentary." It is a unique film technique called "breaking the fourth wall."

The lawyers for *The Office* called it "stealing."







I'm Hadley! I'm 15 and rebellious. Here's the deal: my mom is, like, freaking me out, my dad is a jerk, I can't stand my sister and I don't talk to my brother.

But the person I really hate is my step-grandmother, Glorious. Everyone thinks she's so hot and so dumb. They used to think that about me!

I'm Lute. I'm probably the dumbest member of this family! I do lots of stupid, idiotic stuff. I get my head caught in chimneys, I get struck by lightning and I get lost a lot. In fact, they just put a GPS in my pants! I really want us to get a dog. That way I won't be the dumbest member of the family. Maybe. Depending on the breed.

I'm Alox, the middle child. I'm the sanest person on the show — which also means I'm the scarcest. The writing staff doesn't have a clue what to do with me. See you sometime next season!



We have some big decisions today!

Yes. Should we do our entrance in oak plank or Brazilian teak?

Soundtrack music: do we play Streisand or Diana Ross — *The Early Years*?

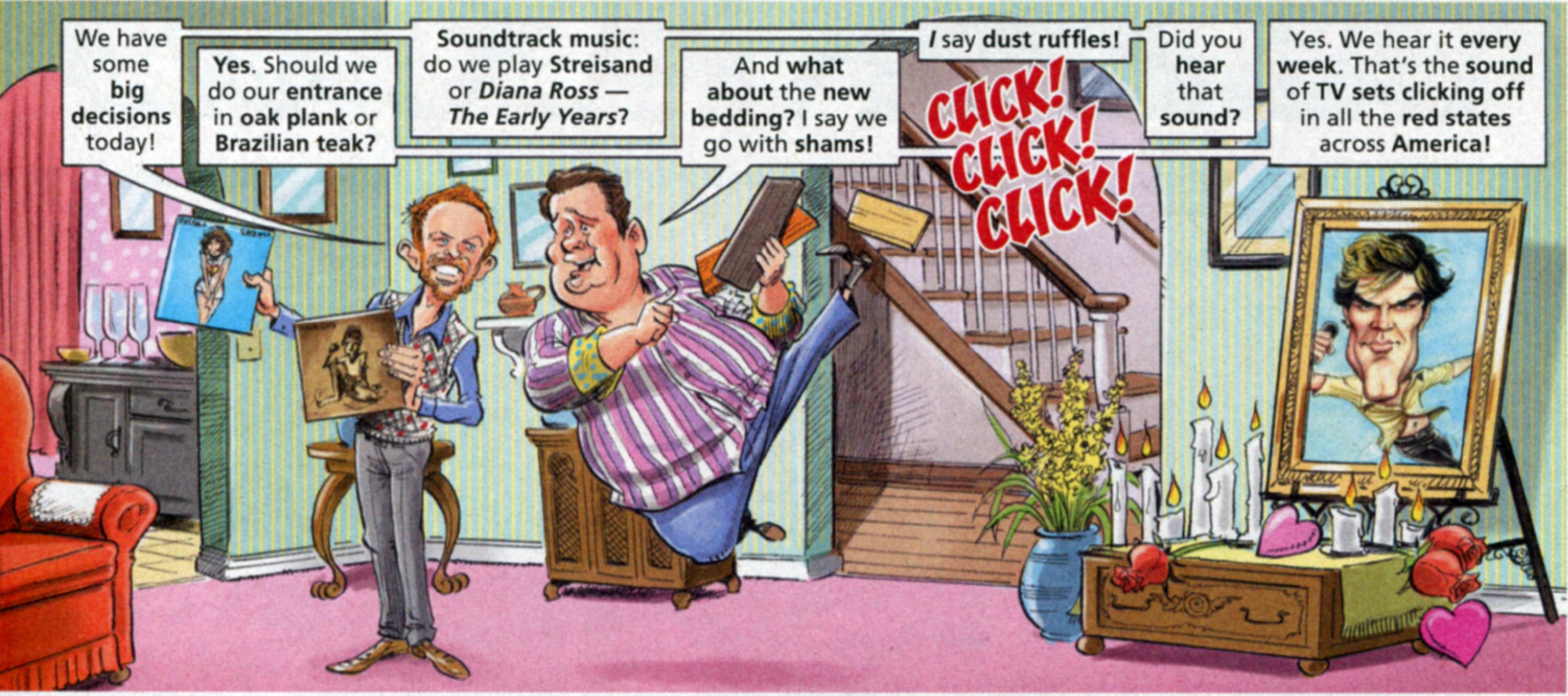
And what about the new bedding? I say we go with shams!

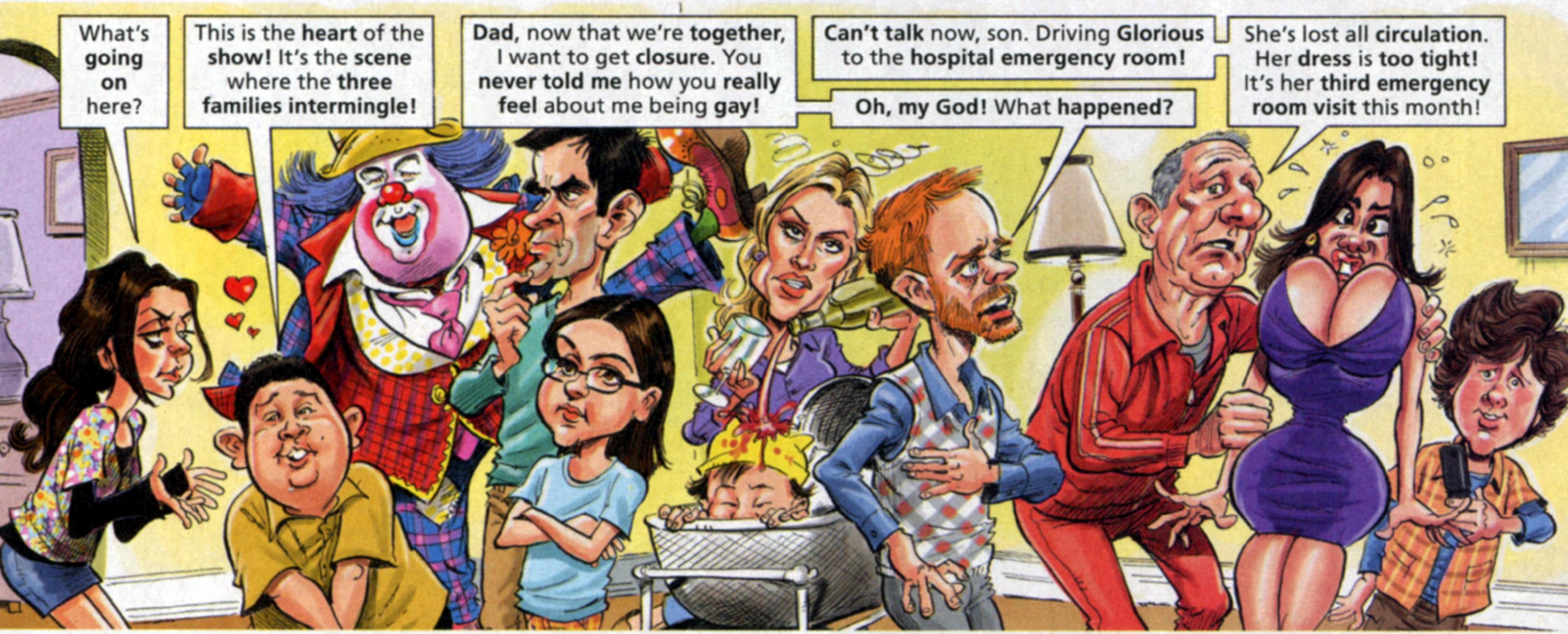
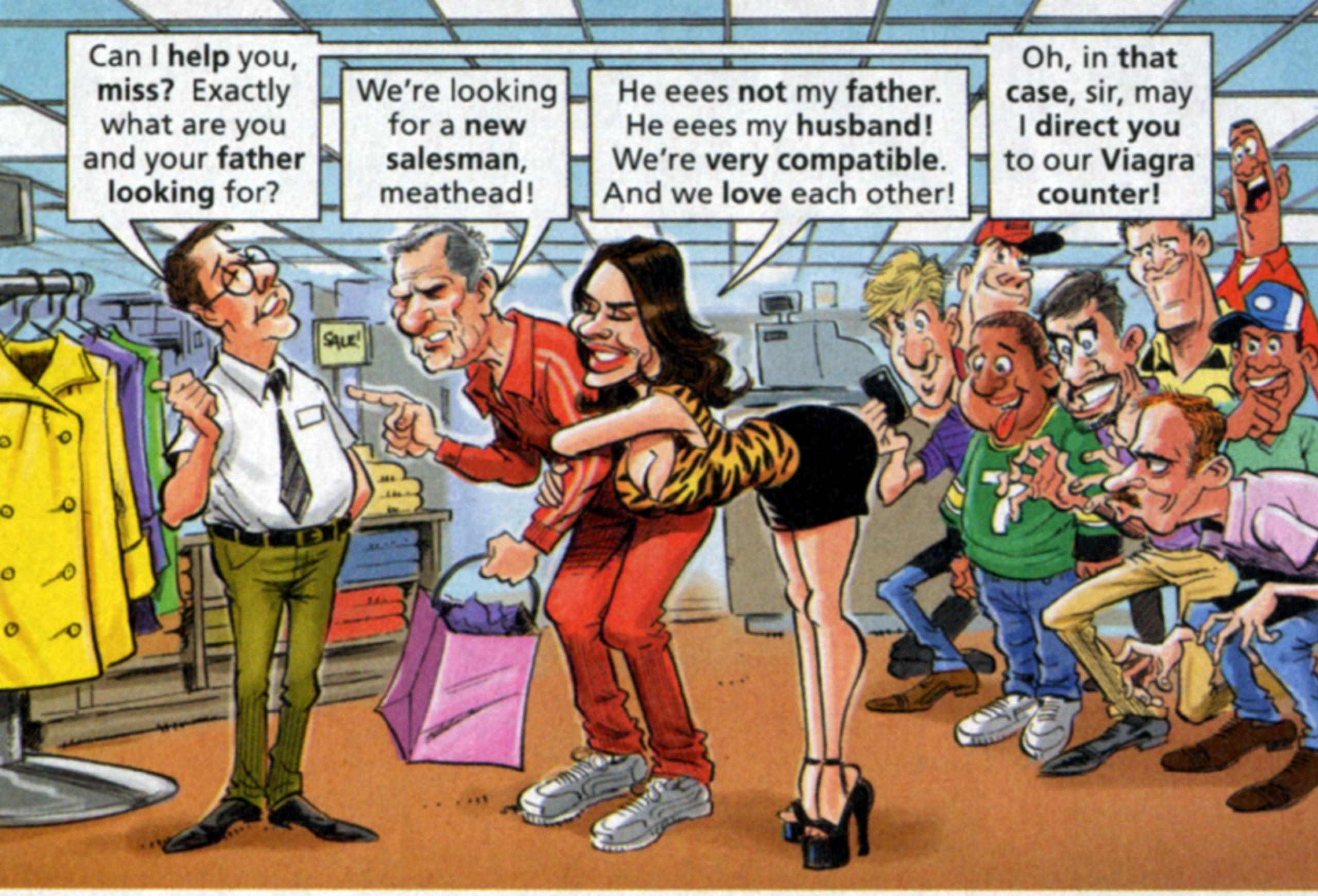
I say dust ruffles!

**CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!**

Did you hear that sound?

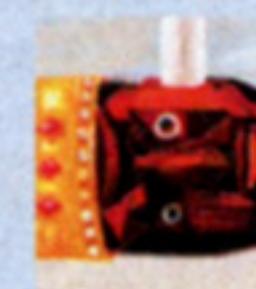
Yes. We hear it every week. That's the sound of TV sets clicking off in all the red states across America!





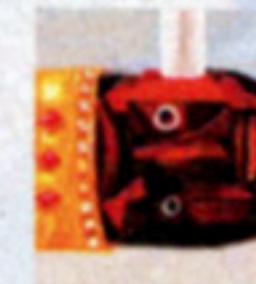
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# KANYE WEST'S MOST MORONIC TWEETS



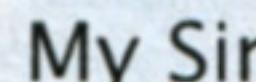
Just brushed my teeth. Why don't they make Louis Vuitton toothpaste? And Gucci floss? I gotta make some phone calls

10:48 AM



For my next album, I need a title as dope as My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy. How about My Wonderful Crazy Backyard Koi Pond?

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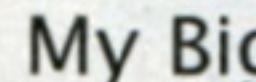
My Sinfully Delicious Brown Betty Recipe?

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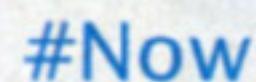
My Delightfully Eclectic Pound Puppy Collection?

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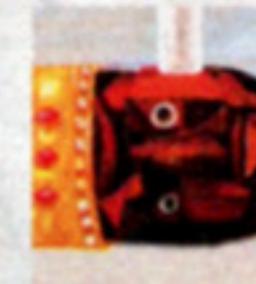
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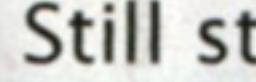
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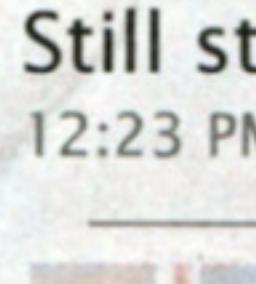
Big photo shoot tomorrow — gotta practice my dull stare

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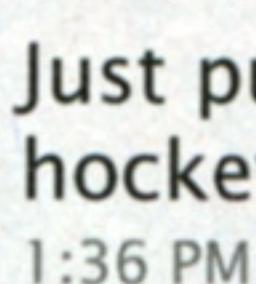
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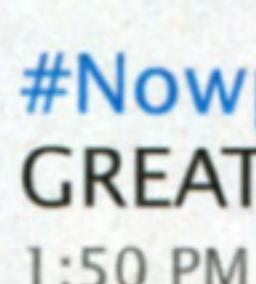
I wish I dated a mermaid cause after you hook up you could eat her legs

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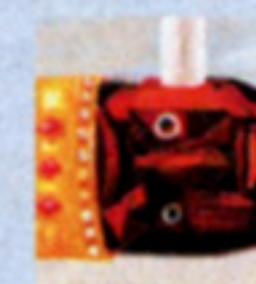
Just put on a fly-ass outfit: Viking horns, hockey jersey, yoga pants, alligator boots

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#Nowplaying Scenario by A Tribe Called Quest  
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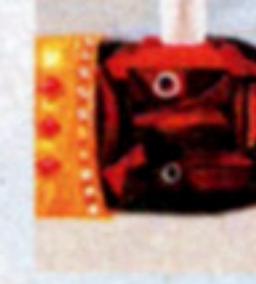
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Ever notice how hard it is to buy a decent albino rhino online? WTF??  
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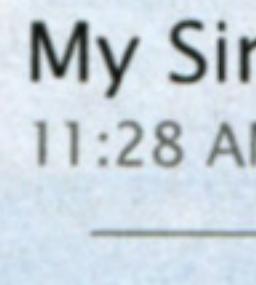


SO WHAT if I got a \$180,000 watch that has my face made out of diamonds on it? Who DOESN'T have a watch like that? Hobos maybe  
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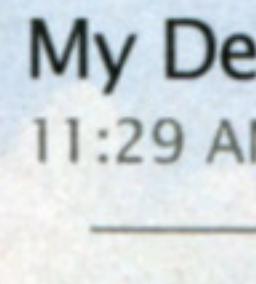


ARUGULA SALAD WITH FENNEL VINAIGRETTE, BITCHES

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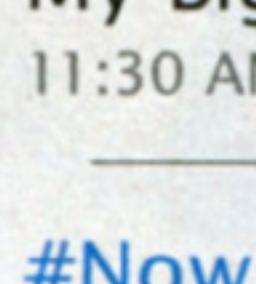


"Kanyelicious" not in dictionary???!!!!!!  
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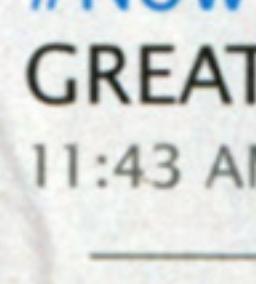


#Nowplaying Blackbird by The Beatles  
GREATEST SONG EVER

3:37 PM



The media's a bunch of bitches. Always wanting to build up the king so they can tear down the king. I don't need them lying-ass phonies  
4:09 PM

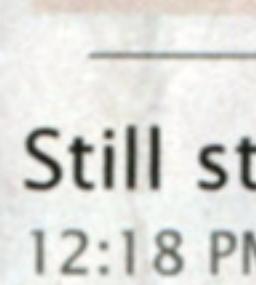


Gotta remember to bring that up when I'm on MTV News, NPR and Regis & Kelly this week!  
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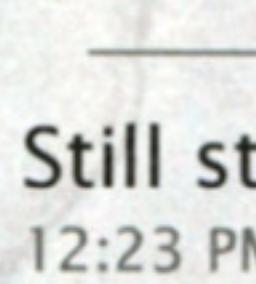


#Nowplaying Crocodile Rock by Elton John  
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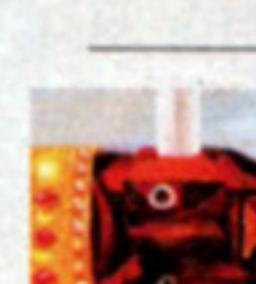
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People always sayin Kanye ain't street but AAAAH! Lintball on my sweatervest!!  
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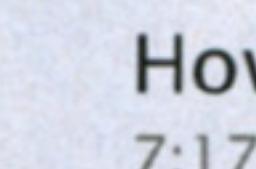
Mila Kunis didn't get an Oscar nom?!? That s\*\*t is CRAZY!!! George Bush doesn't care about Black Swan!!!!  
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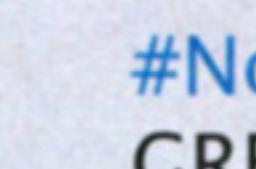
Nobody wants to play Boggle with Kanye  
6:03 PM



FYI critics: I prefer "fascinatingly conflicted" to "comically unfocused"  
6:15 PM



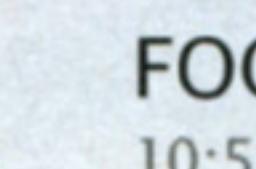
How come grasshoppers hate me?  
7:17 PM



#Nowplaying All Night Long by Lionel Richie  
GREATEST SONG EVER  
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I still have mad regrets about what happened with Taylor Swift. For one thing, I shoulda grabbed a boobie  
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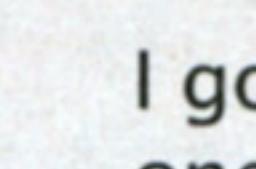
FOOTY PAJAMAS Y'ALL  
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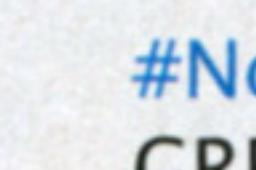
#Nowplaying Moon River by Clay Aiken  
GREATEST SONG EVER  
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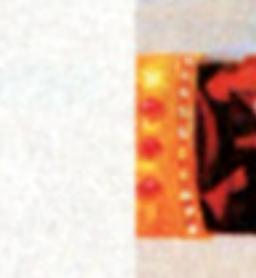
Hope I have my recurring dream where I'm the president of the USA who's also a sexy half unicorn that plays for the Lakers  
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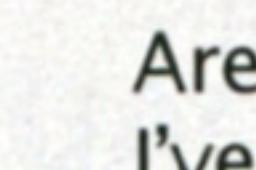
I got a new challenge for 50 Cent: see which one of us can tie the dopes Windsor knot  
12:28 AM



#Nowplaying theme song from My Two Dads  
GREATEST SONG EVER  
12:44 AM



Why don't hippos have wings?  
COME ON, HIPPOS  
1:31 AM



Are you there, God? It's me, Kanye. Seriously, I've been texting you for like THREE DAYS WTF???  
2:06 AM

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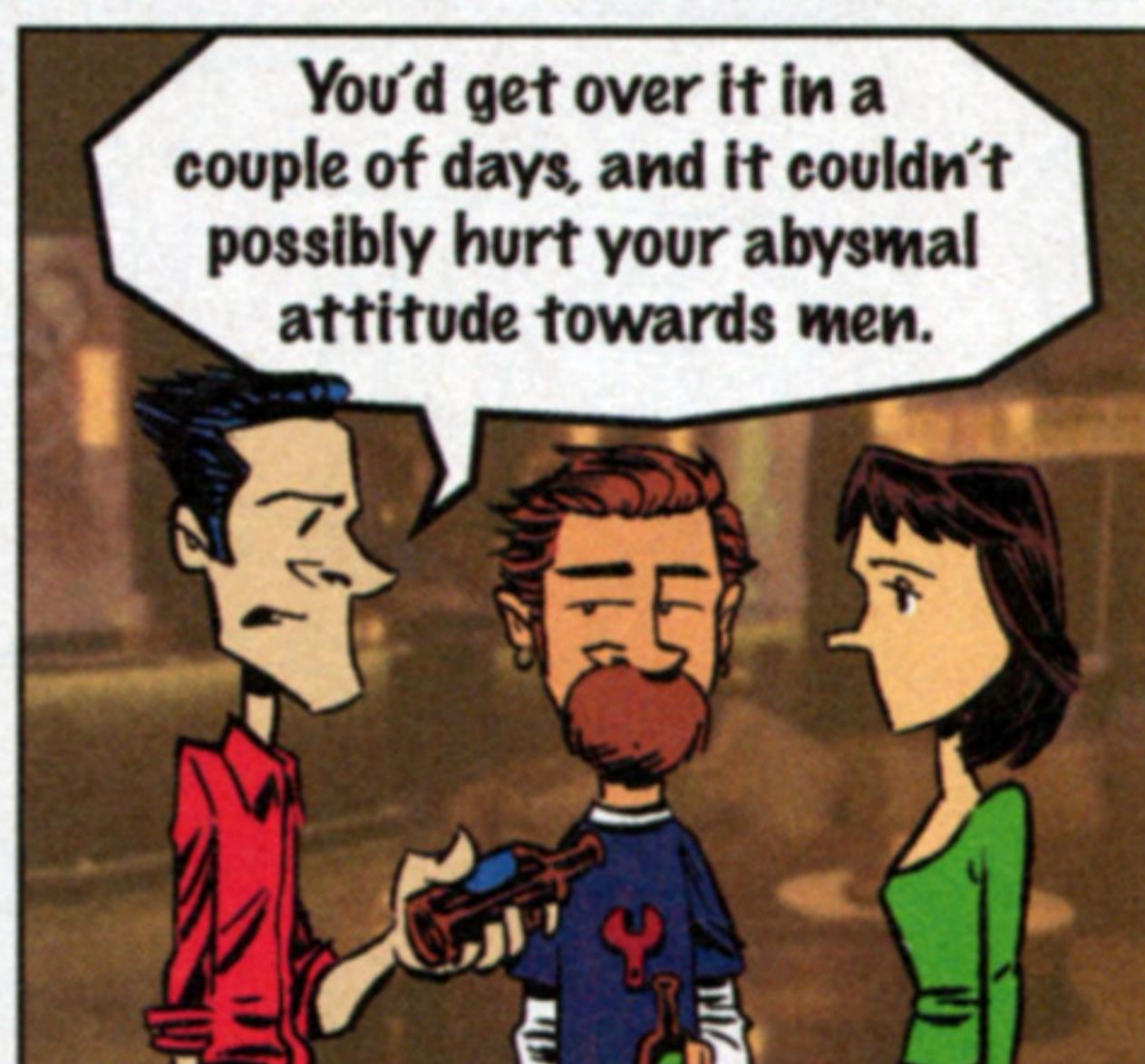


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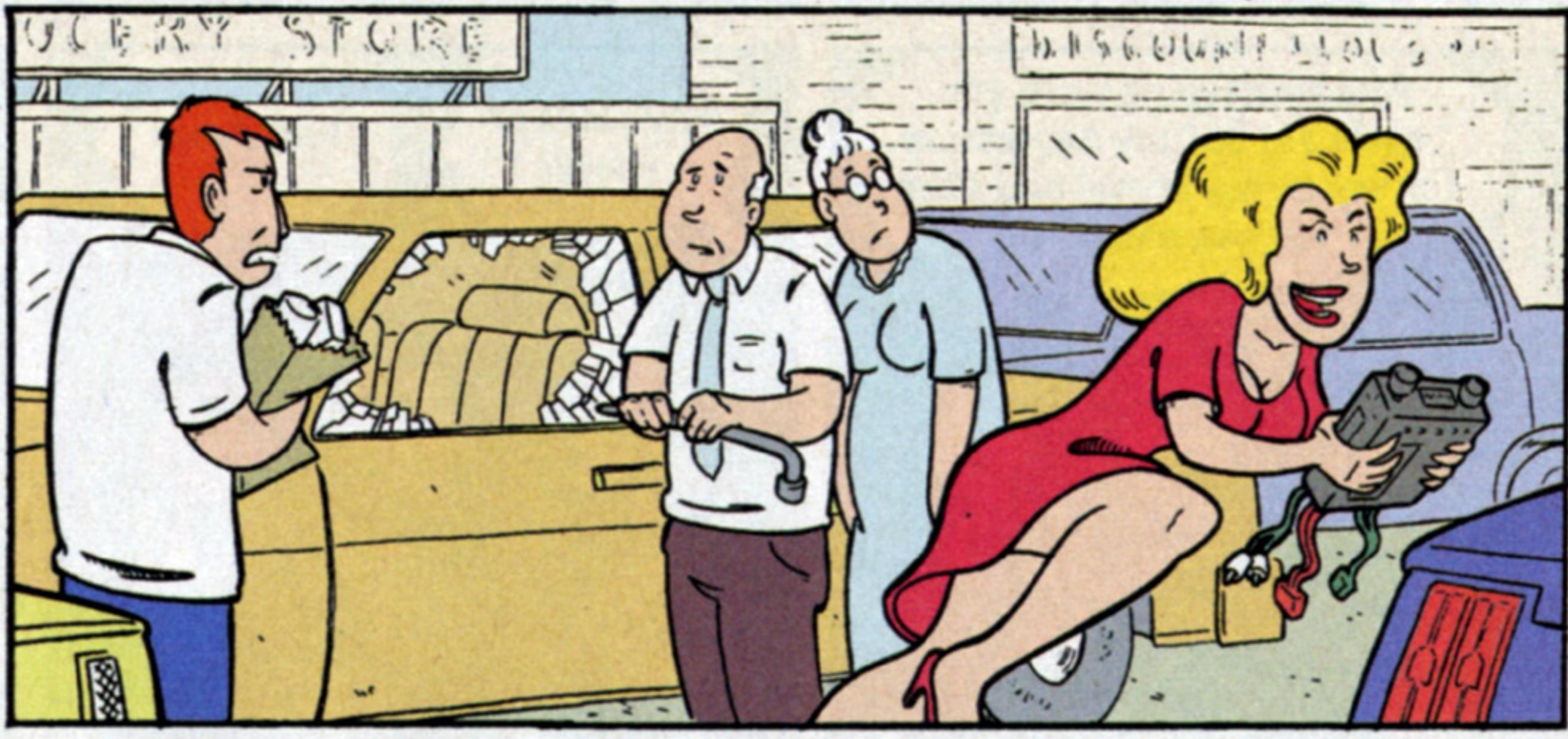
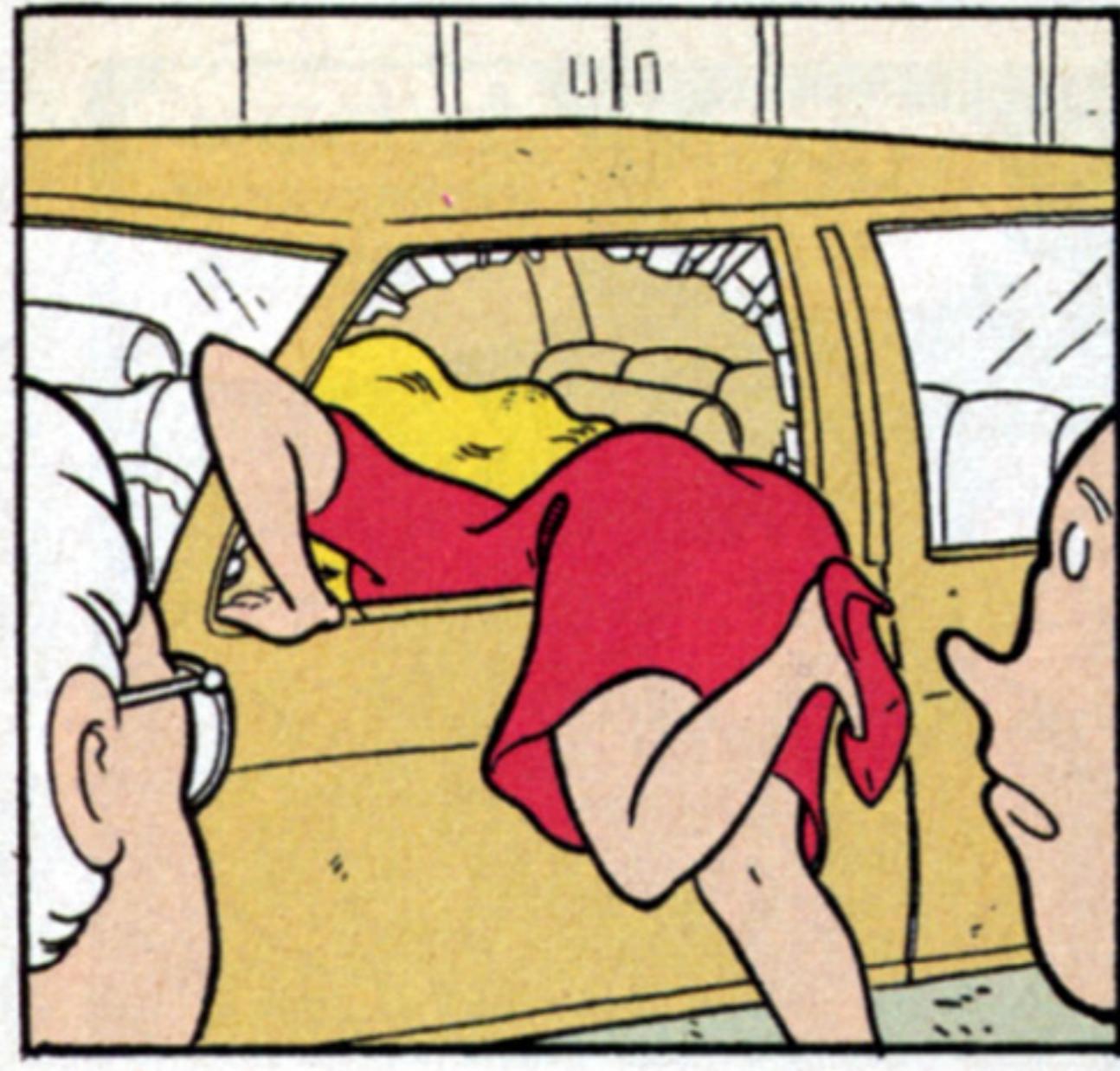
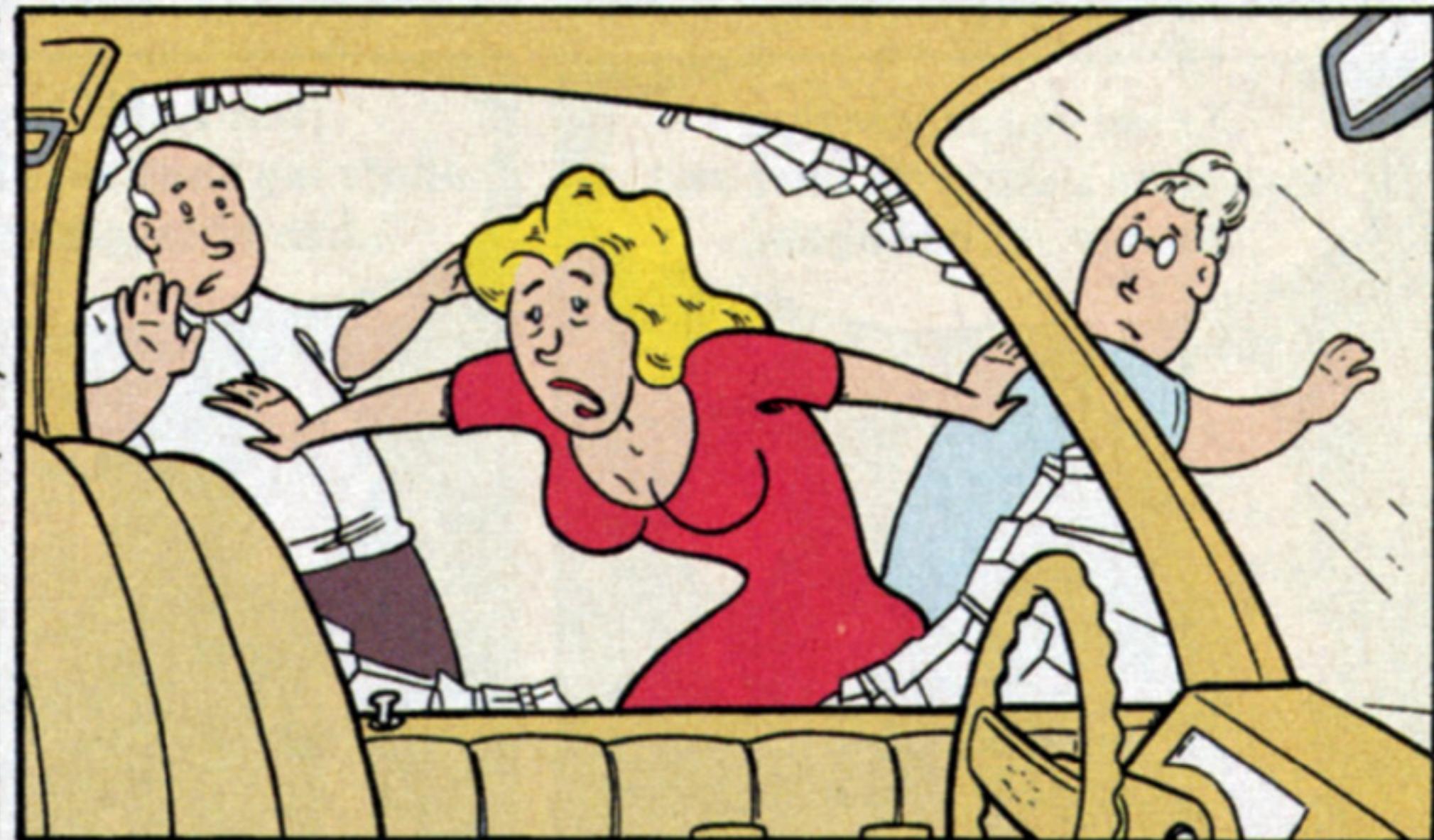
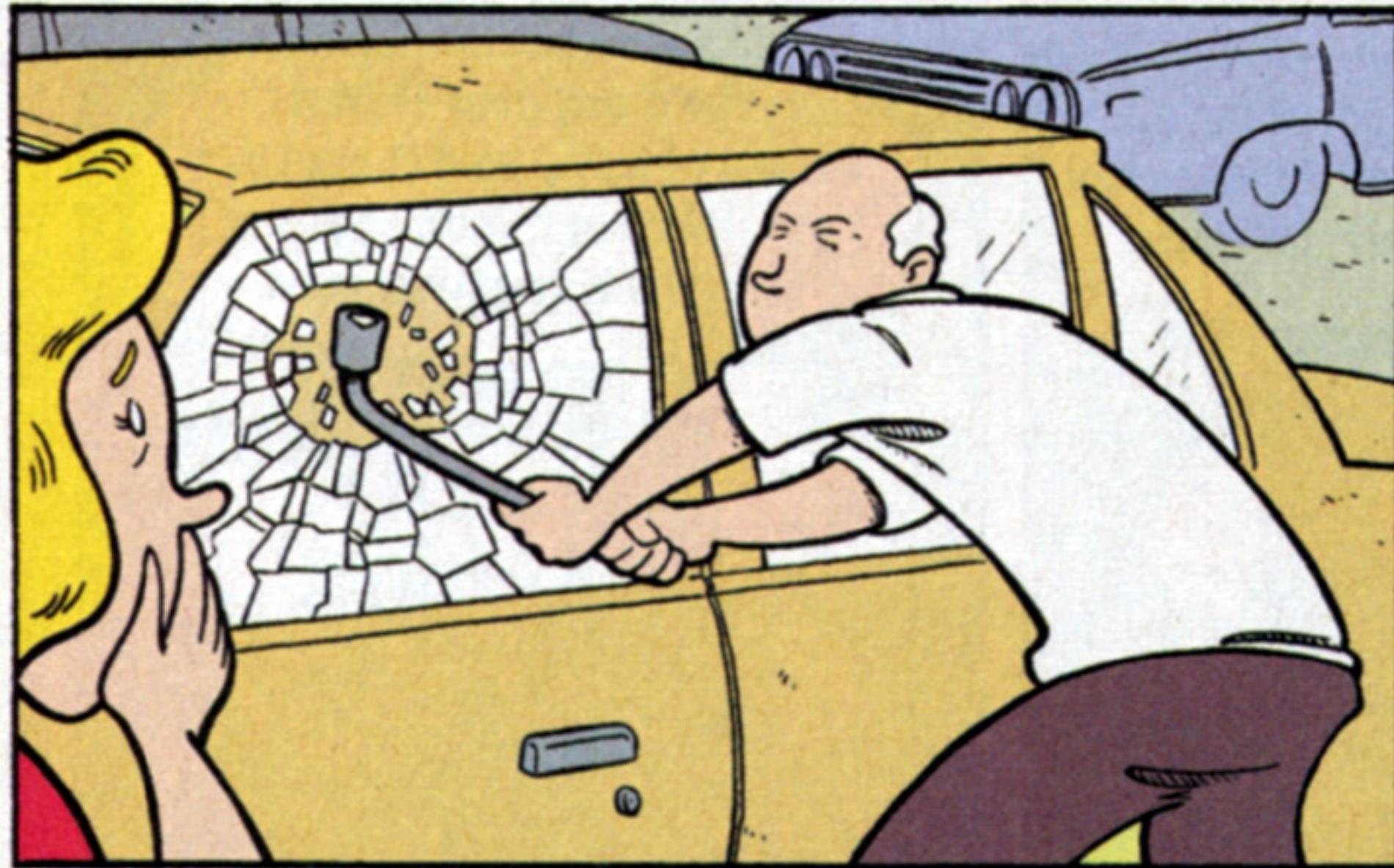
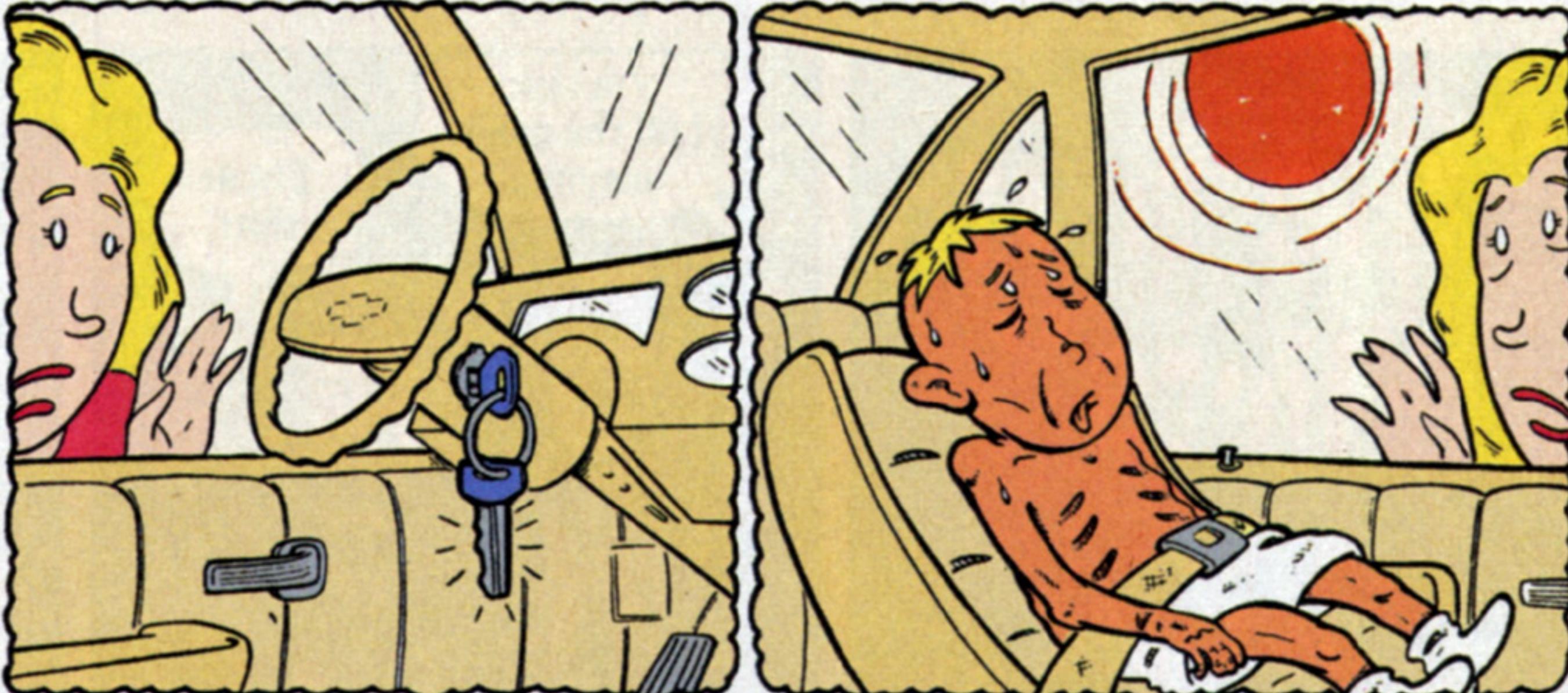
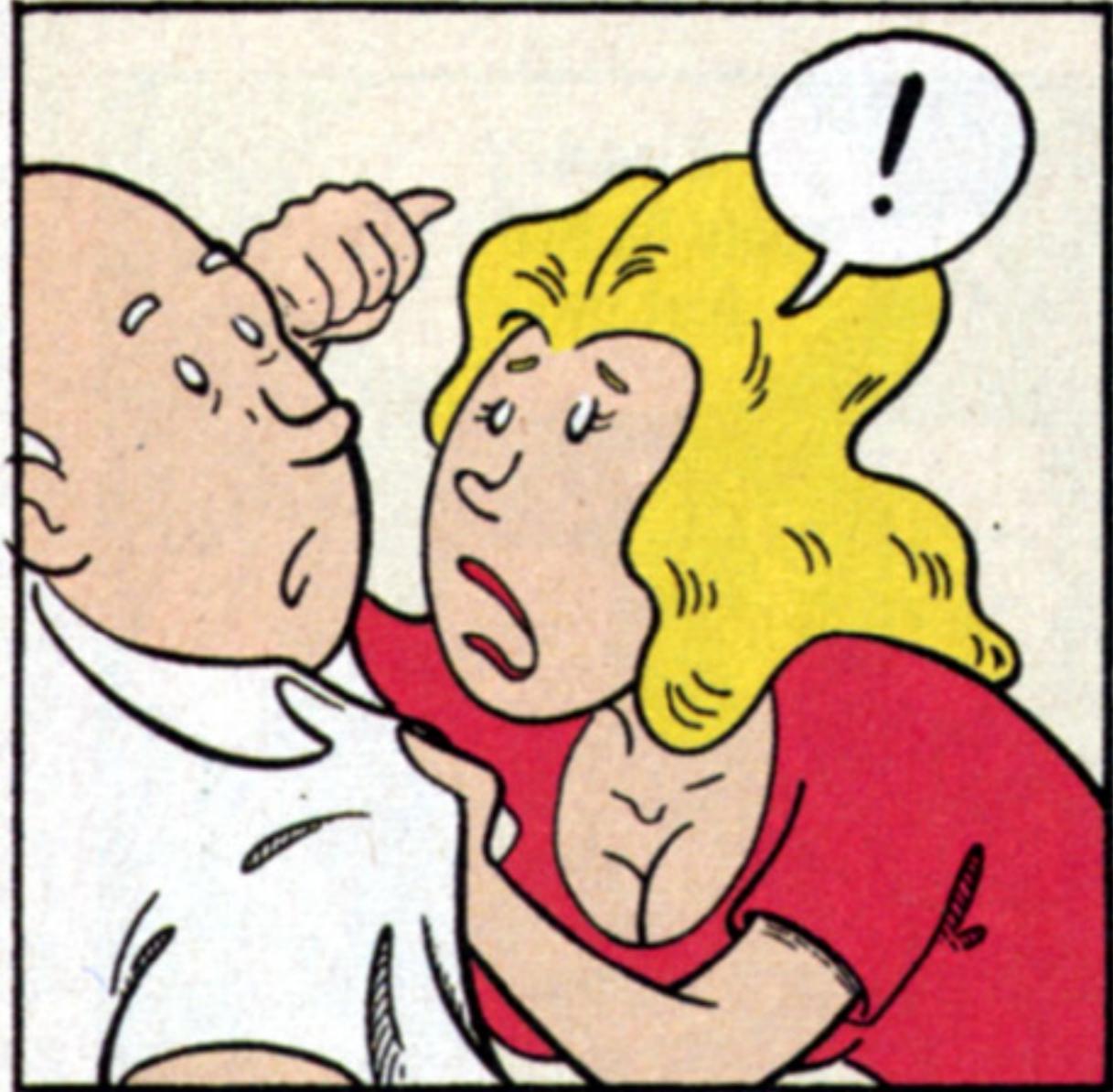
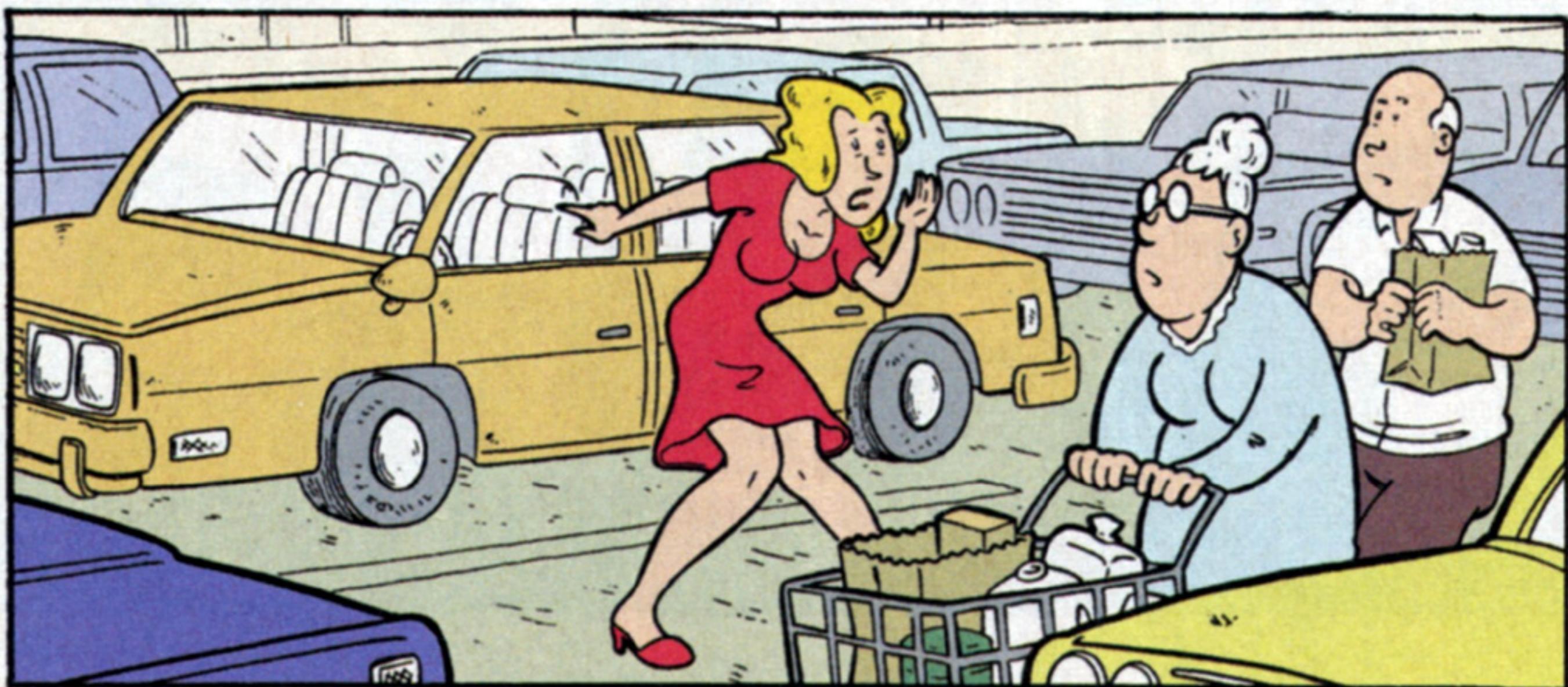
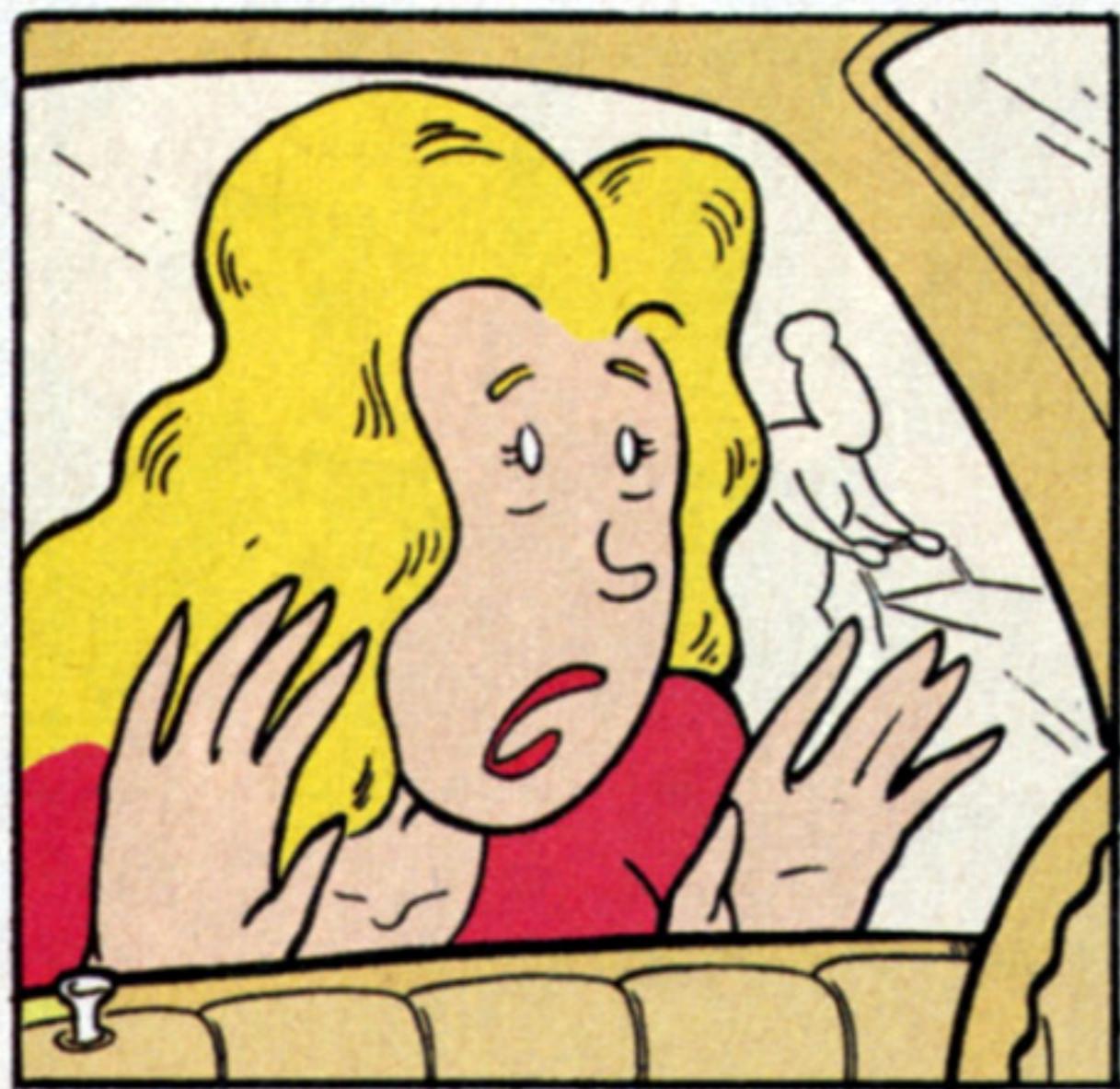
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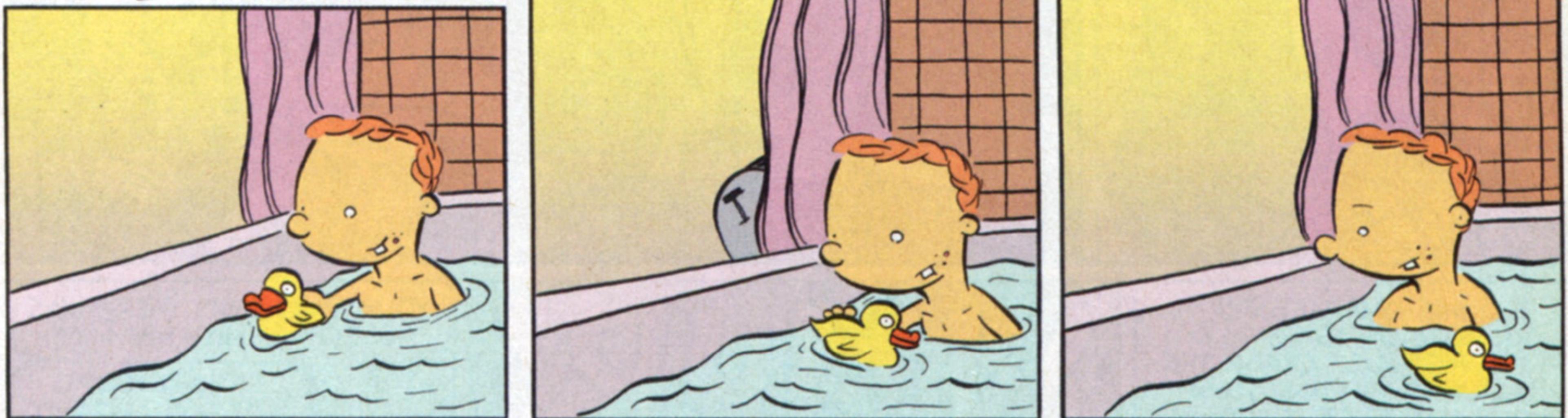
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## Good Enough!



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NATE FAKES

**IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I LAUGH**

DAYS WITH NO INJURY  
87

MORNING, SAM, HOW'S THE WIFE?

OUTTA MY WAY, HENRY.

WHAT'S STUCK IN HIS CRAW?

WHO KNOWS. WE ALL HAVE PROBLEMS, RIGHT?

NOT YOU. OF COURSE I DO, HENRY. DO YOU SEE THAT RED HOUSE?

SURE DO. THE GUY WHO STOLE MY WIFE LIVES THERE.

NO WAY! YOU'RE KIDDING ME. SEVENTEEN YEARS OF LOVE AND TRUST, GONE, JUST LIKE THAT!

YOU SHOULD SMASH THE WRECKING BALL INTO HIS HOUSE.

WHAT? NO. I COULDN'T DO THAT.

SURE! IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. THAT'S WHAT INSURANCE IS FOR. JUST SAY "OOPS" WHEN YOU DO IT.

BUT SOMEBODY COULD GET HURT.

HE SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE HURTING YOU.

HMM... I DON'T KNOW, HENRY.

COME ON! PASSIVE AGGRESSION IS TOTALLY AWESOME! JUST CRASH THE BALL INTO HIM AND WASH YOUR HANDS OF IT WITH A HUGE INSINCERE "OOPS!"

**WHUD!**

YOUR PAL HENRY THERE WAS SLEEPING WITH **MY** WIFE.

I THINK YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "OOPS" NOW.

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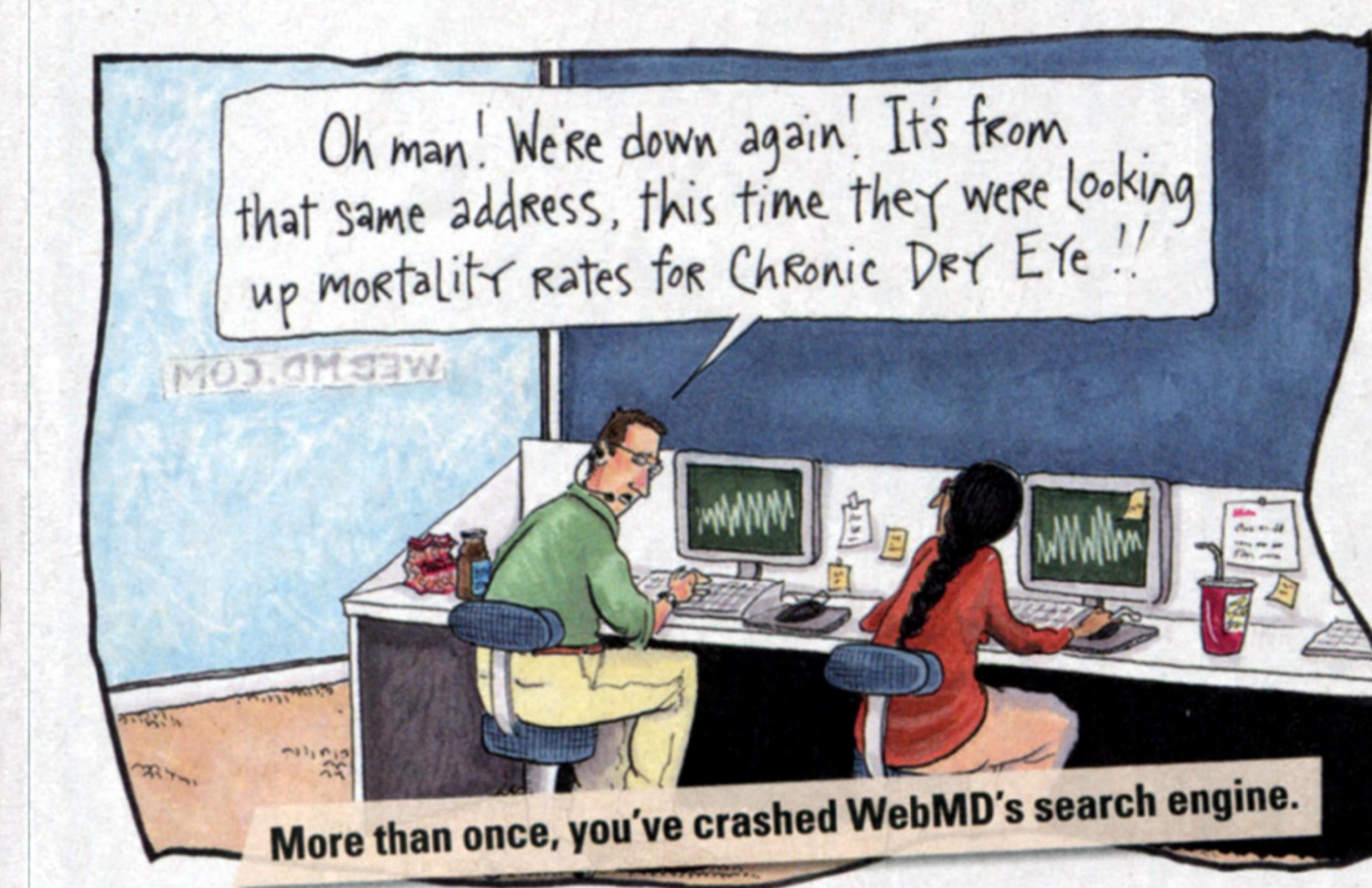
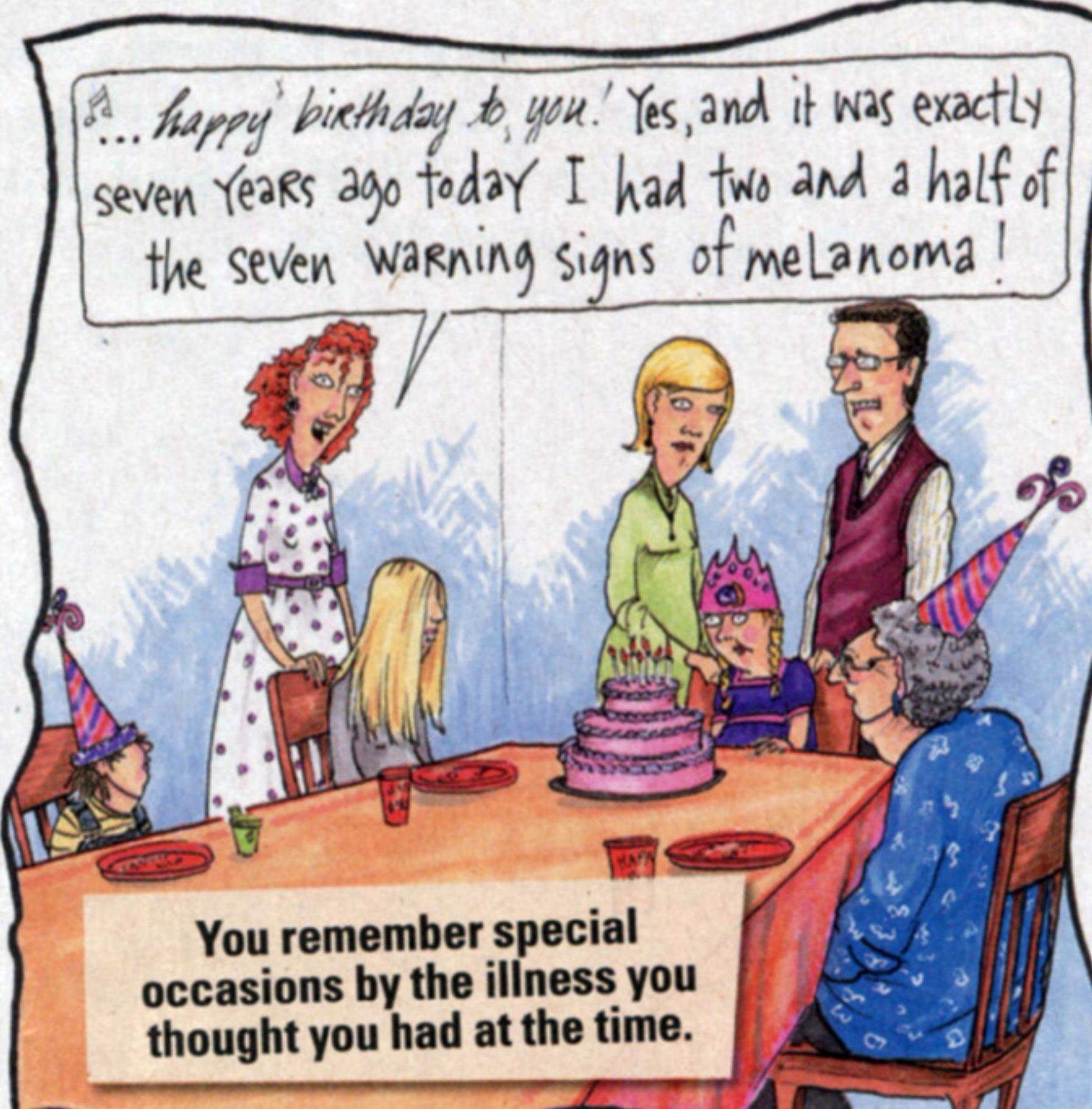
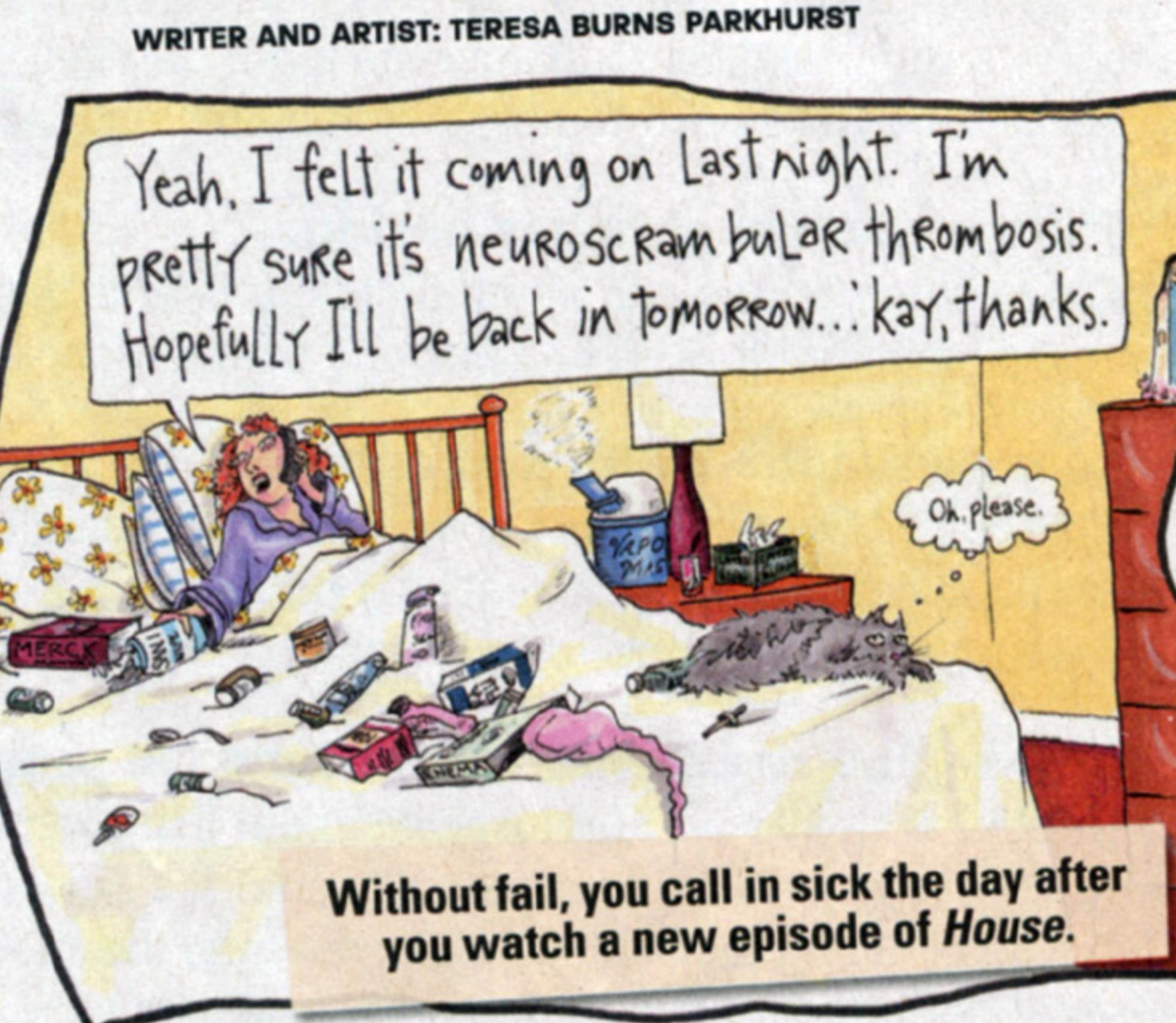
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### THE SICK SENSE DEPT.

Did you ever consider a hangnail to be the beginning of leprosy? Have you mistaken a little gas for the onset of botulism? Probably not. But for some people, death and disease loom behind every runny nose or belly ache. It's easier than you'd think to worry yourself into a frenzy of medical mal-thinking — so be sure to pay attention to these...

# SIGNS THAT YOUR HYPOCHONDRIA IS OUT OF CONTROL





# PLANET TAD!!!!



ABOUT ME >>NAME: TAD >>FAVORITE WILSON: OWEN/LUKE/WOODROW (TIE) >>AGE: ONE DOZEN-ISH

May 8, 2011



Our family just went out to dinner. I don't think there's a more disgusting name for a food than "baby back ribs."

May 9, 2011



So, today in geometry class, Mr. Schwartz was out sick, and we had a substitute teacher, Mrs. Graham. When she started taking attendance, Chuck and I did what we always do when we get a sub, and traded names. We do this for two reasons:

1. It always cracks us up when substitute teachers call us by the wrong names, and:

2. We figure it's good practice trying to remember not to answer when your own name is called, and to answer to someone else's name instead, in case we ever become undercover agents like **James Bond** or the guy from **Burn Notice**.

(I can never remember the guy from **Burn Notice**'s name. I just think of him as being named **Burn Notice**. As in, "This week, **Burn Notice** went undercover as an arms dealer.")

As it turned out, Mrs. Graham wound up calling me "Chuck" a lot today, because she didn't know how to work the overhead projector, so I wound up helping her with it. In fact, I felt kind of bad by the end of class, because as I was leaving, she said, "You know, it's hard being a substitute teacher, but everyone at this school seems really nice. Thanks for all your help, Chuck."

May 10, 2011



Bad news. My friend Chuck was out sick today. Which wouldn't be a problem, except that Mr. Schwartz is also out sick, which means that Mrs. Graham was subbing again today. And when she was taking attendance, she said, "I remember you, Chuck," and marked Chuck as being present. And that's when I realized: If I don't say anything when she calls my name, then she'll mark me as being absent, and I'll get a detention for skipping class. But if I tell her that we switched names, then both Chuck and I will get detentions for messing with a sub. So in order to keep Chuck out of detention, I kept pretending to be him today. But he owes me one. I called him to tell him that, but his mom said that he couldn't come to the phone, because he was puking.



May 10, 2011



I feel like, if the only kind of pencil anyone ever uses is the **No. 2 pencil**, then that pencil should be called the No. 1 pencil.



May 11, 2011



Arrrrgh. Chuck was out sick again today, and Mr. Schwartz still isn't back, so Mrs. Graham marked me absent from math a second time, even though I was sitting right there. I've now got two days of detention. Plus, it's getting really hard to remember to answer whenever she calls Chuck's name.

I'm thinking that, as funny as it was to hear her call Chuck "Tad" and me "Chuck" a few times on Monday, and as nice as it was to get some spy-practice in, it really wasn't worth it.

May 11, 2011



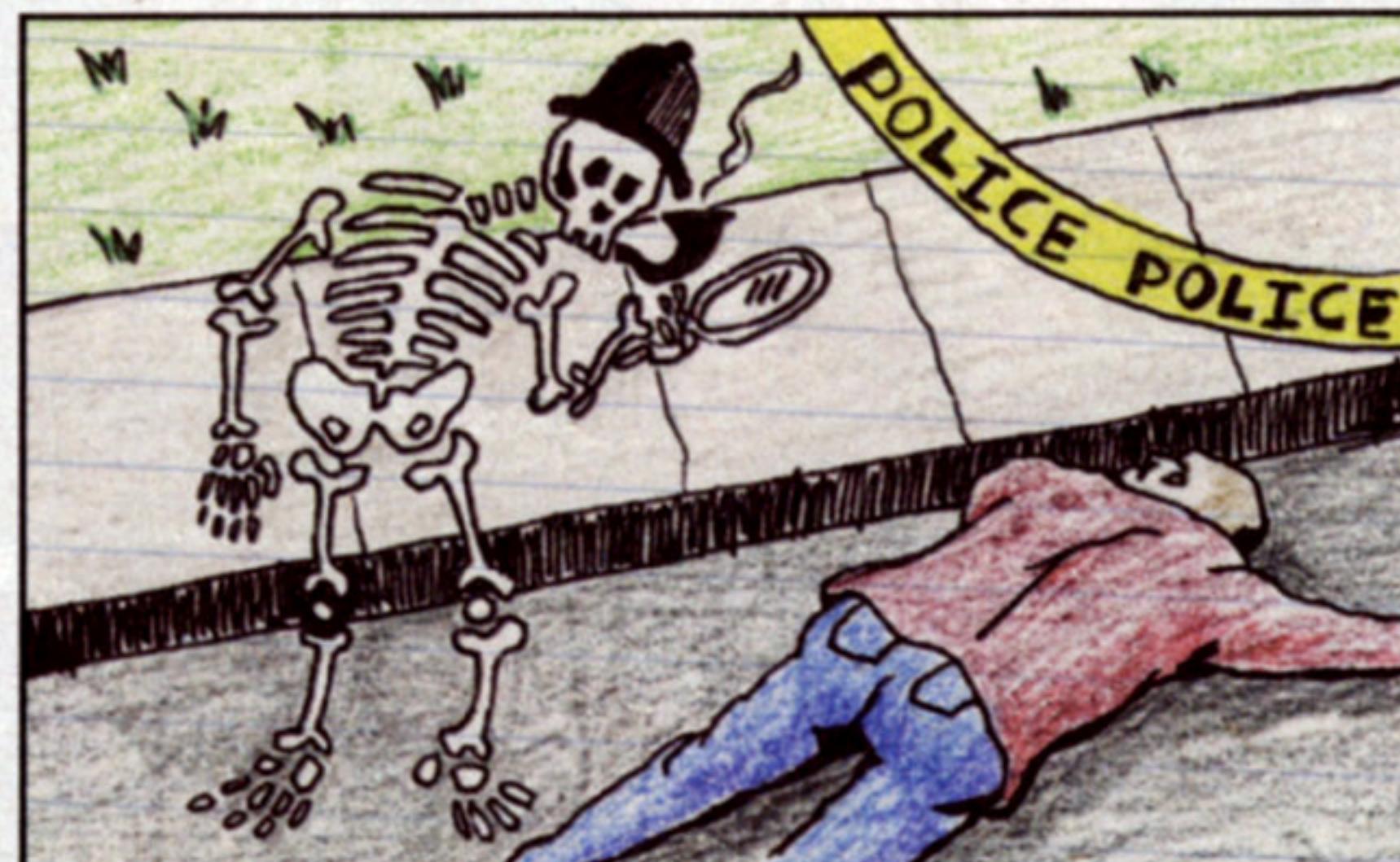
I've been playing a lot of **Angry Birds** lately, and here's the thing I don't understand: What's with the slingshot? Can't birds fly?



May 11, 2011



The TV show **Bones** would be so much cooler if it were about a skeleton who solved crimes.



May 12, 2011



Well, the bad news is, Chuck and Mr. Schwartz are both still sick, so I had to be Chuck in math class again today. And the even worse news is, I fell asleep during class, and then Doug Spivak decided it'd be funny to poke me awake with his protractor. And when I woke up, I kind of screamed out a word that you're never supposed to say in school. And even though I tried to cover for it by saying "-tzu dogs are really cute" afterward, Mrs. Graham gave me a detention.

But here's the great news: When I looked down at the detention slip, it wasn't my name that was on it. It was Chuck's.

Remember how I said Chuck owes me one? I think he just paid me back.

May 13, 2011



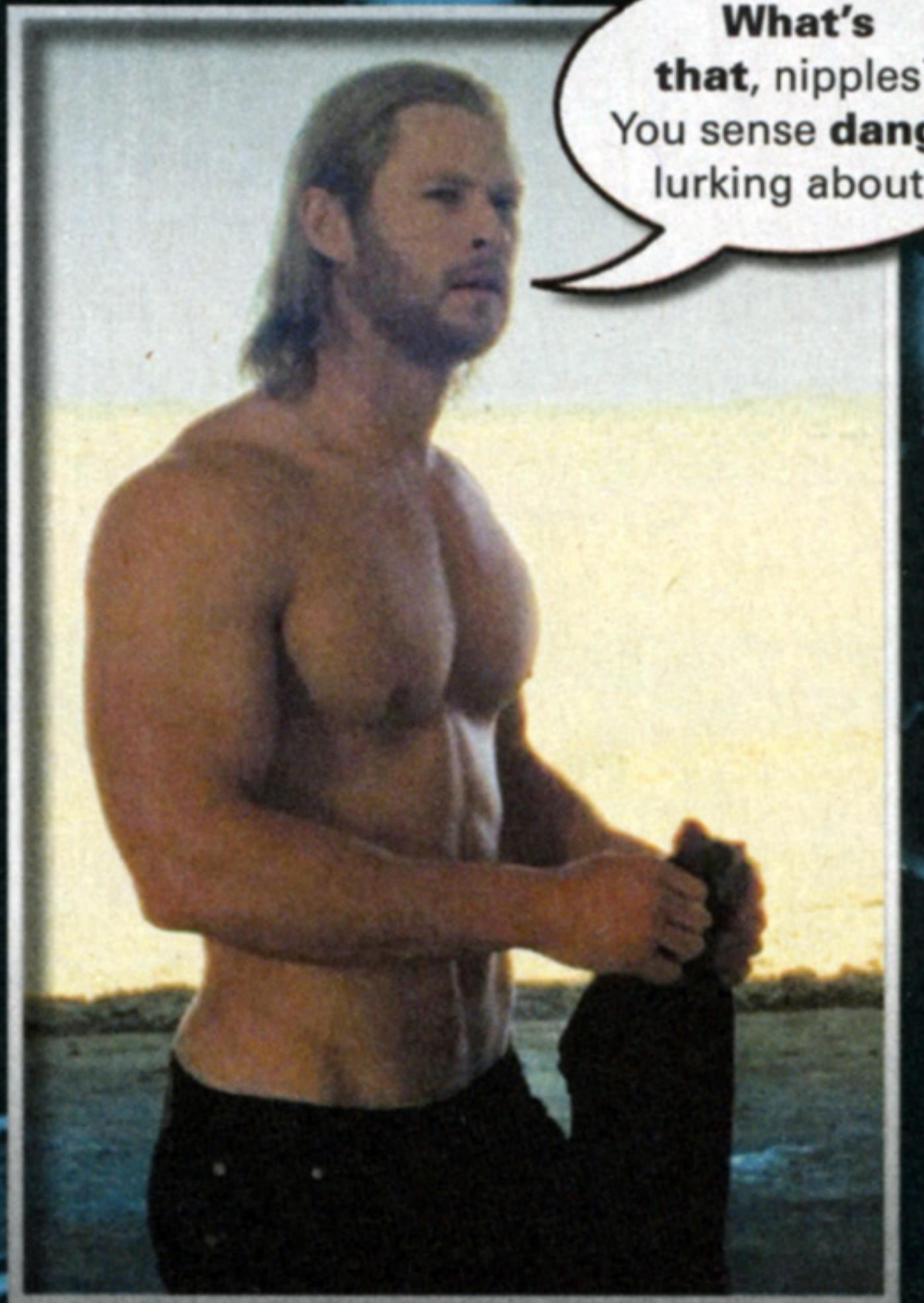
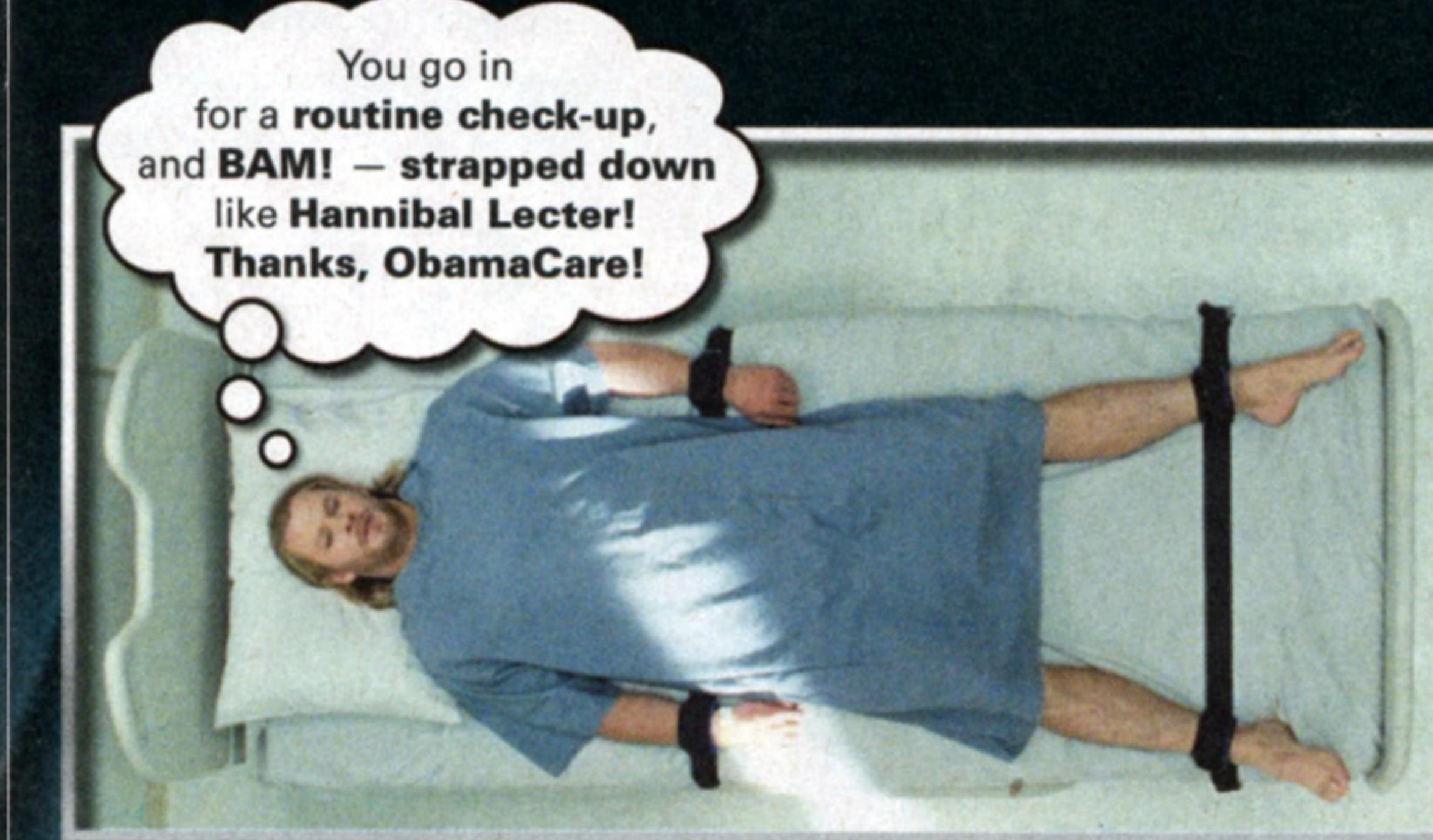
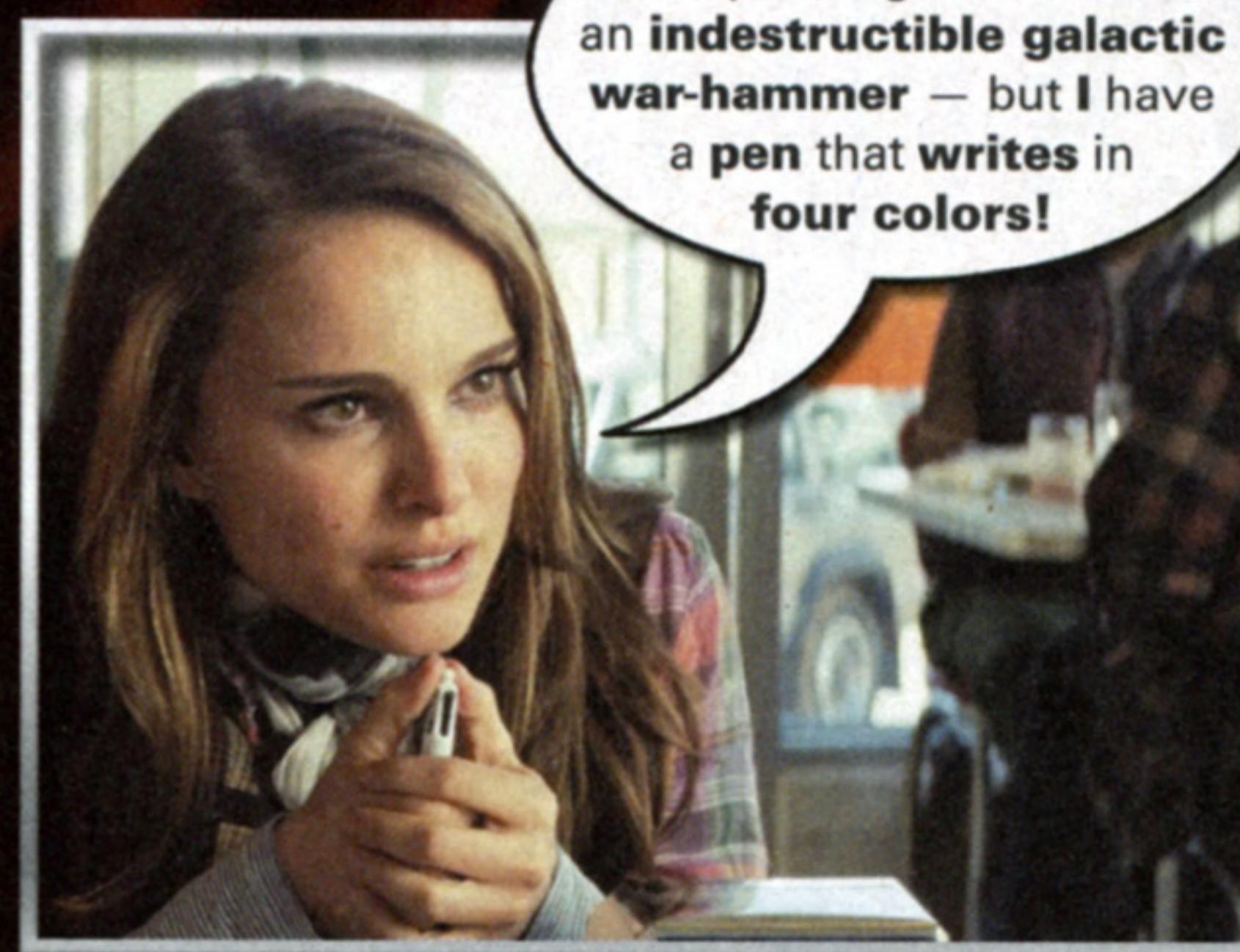
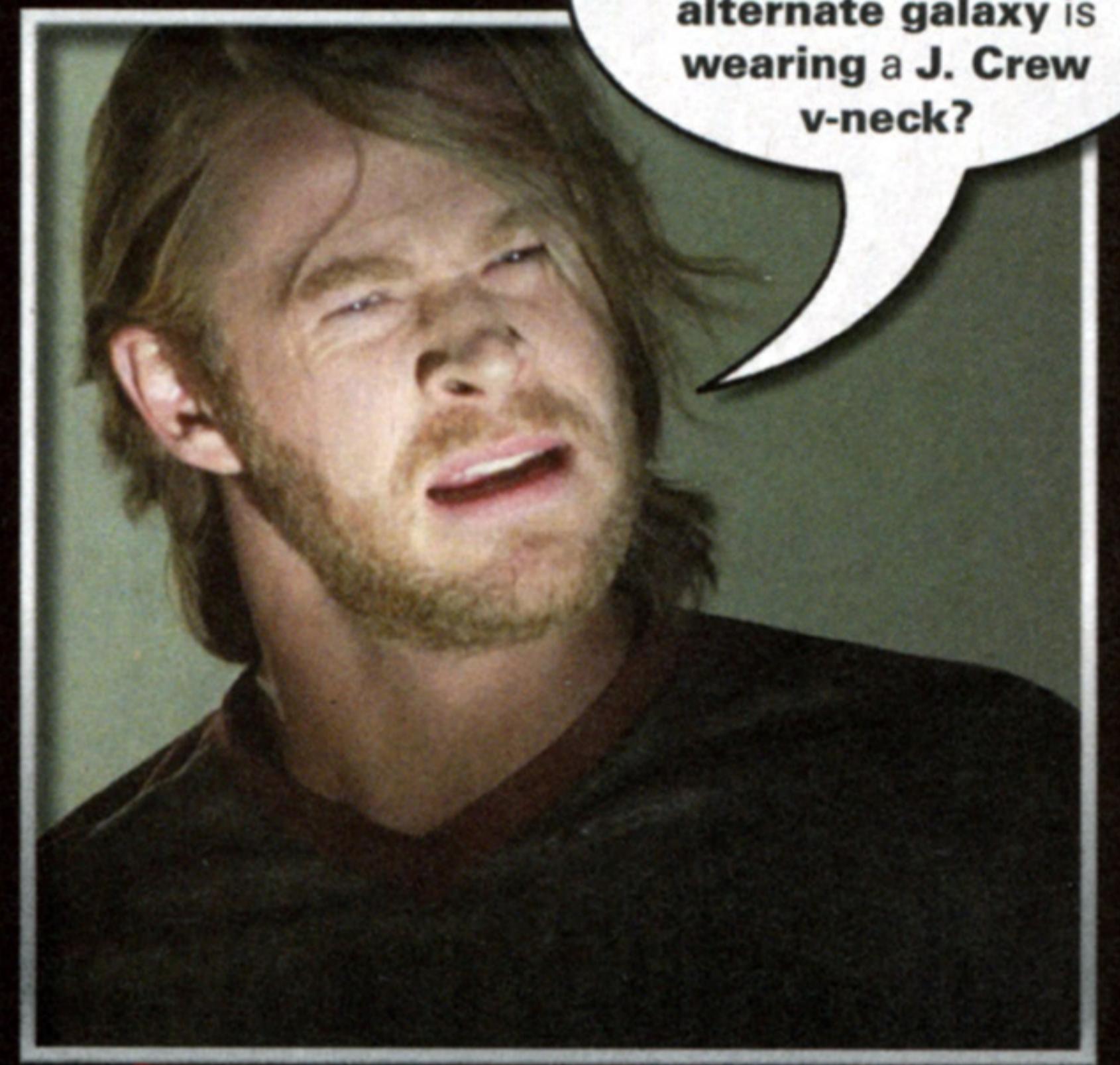
Today was a very, very bad day. Chuck finally made it back to school today – he was still a little feverish, but he said his mom told him he was well enough to go.

In math class, Mrs. Graham was still subbing in geometry, and when she got to Chuck's name, he said, "Here!" And she said, "Very funny, but you're not Chuck." And before I could stop him, he said, "Yes, I am!" And one thing led to another, and pretty quickly, Mrs. Graham figured out the whole name-swapping thing. So we both got double detentions for the next month.

This sort of thing never happens to **Burn Notice**.

BEATING A DEAD NORSE DEPT.

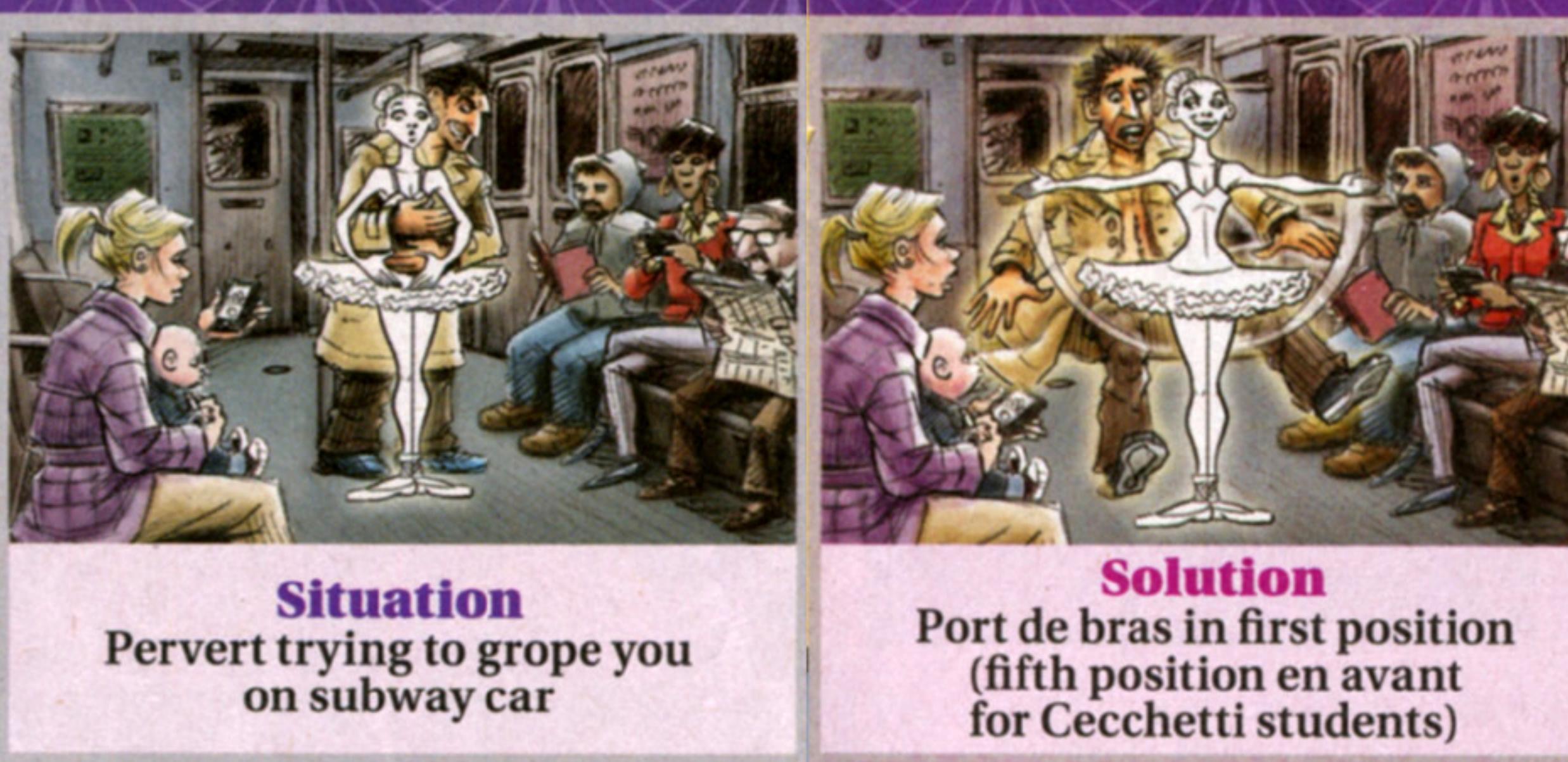
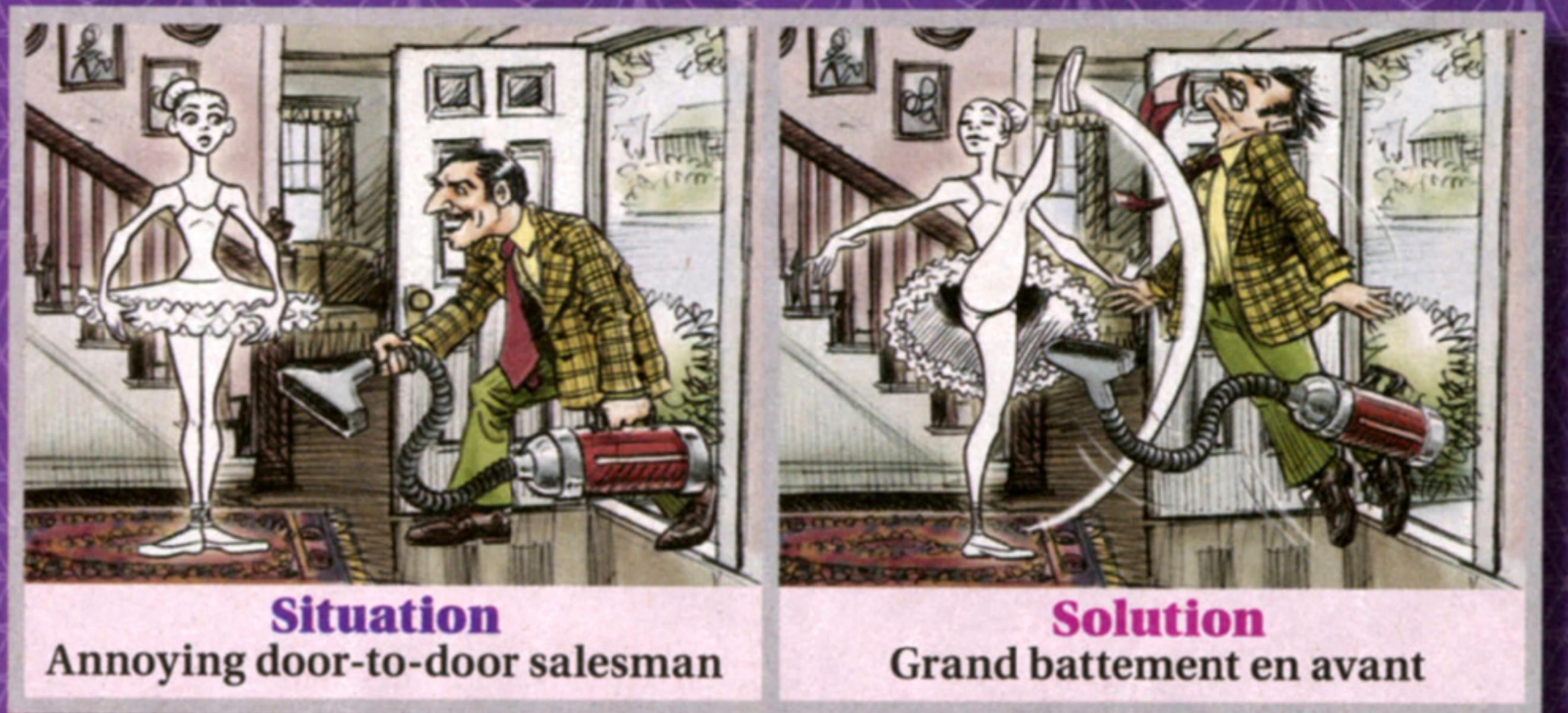
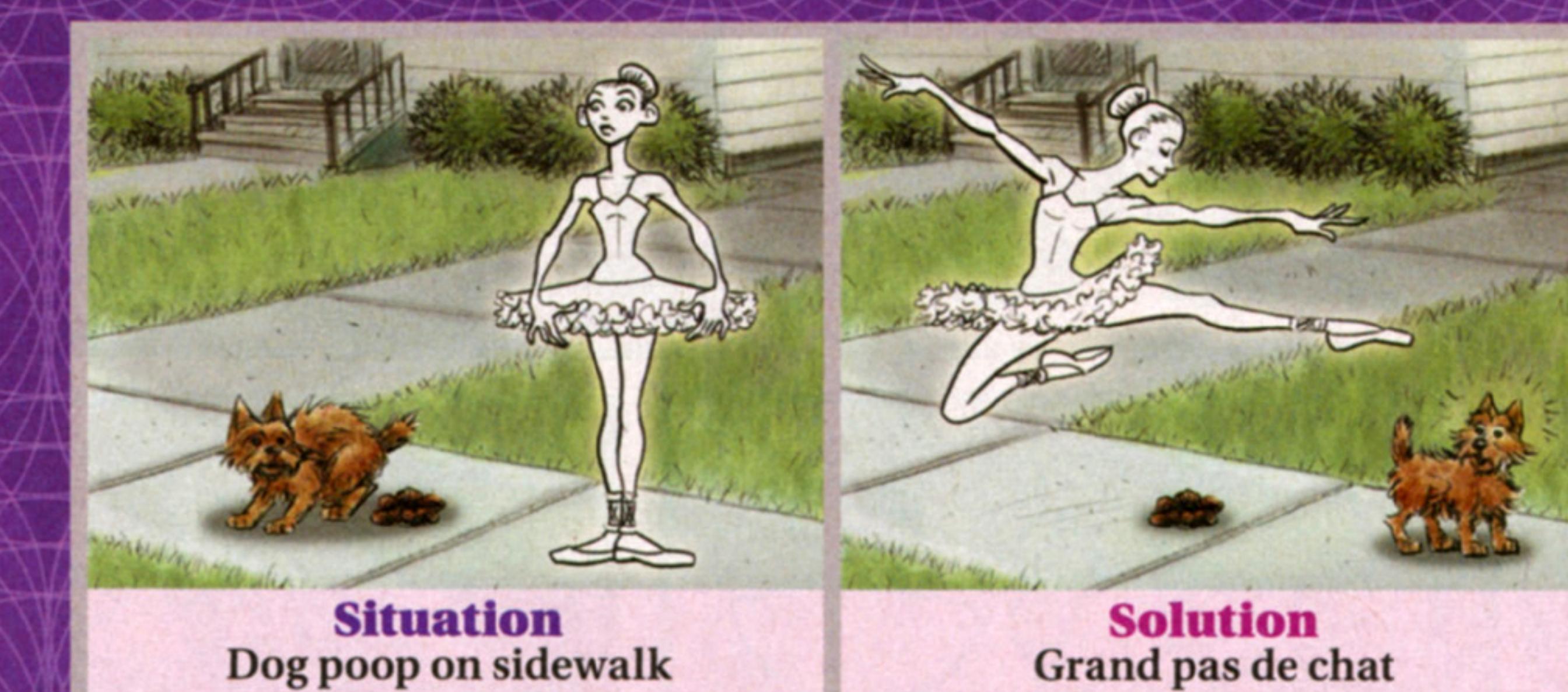
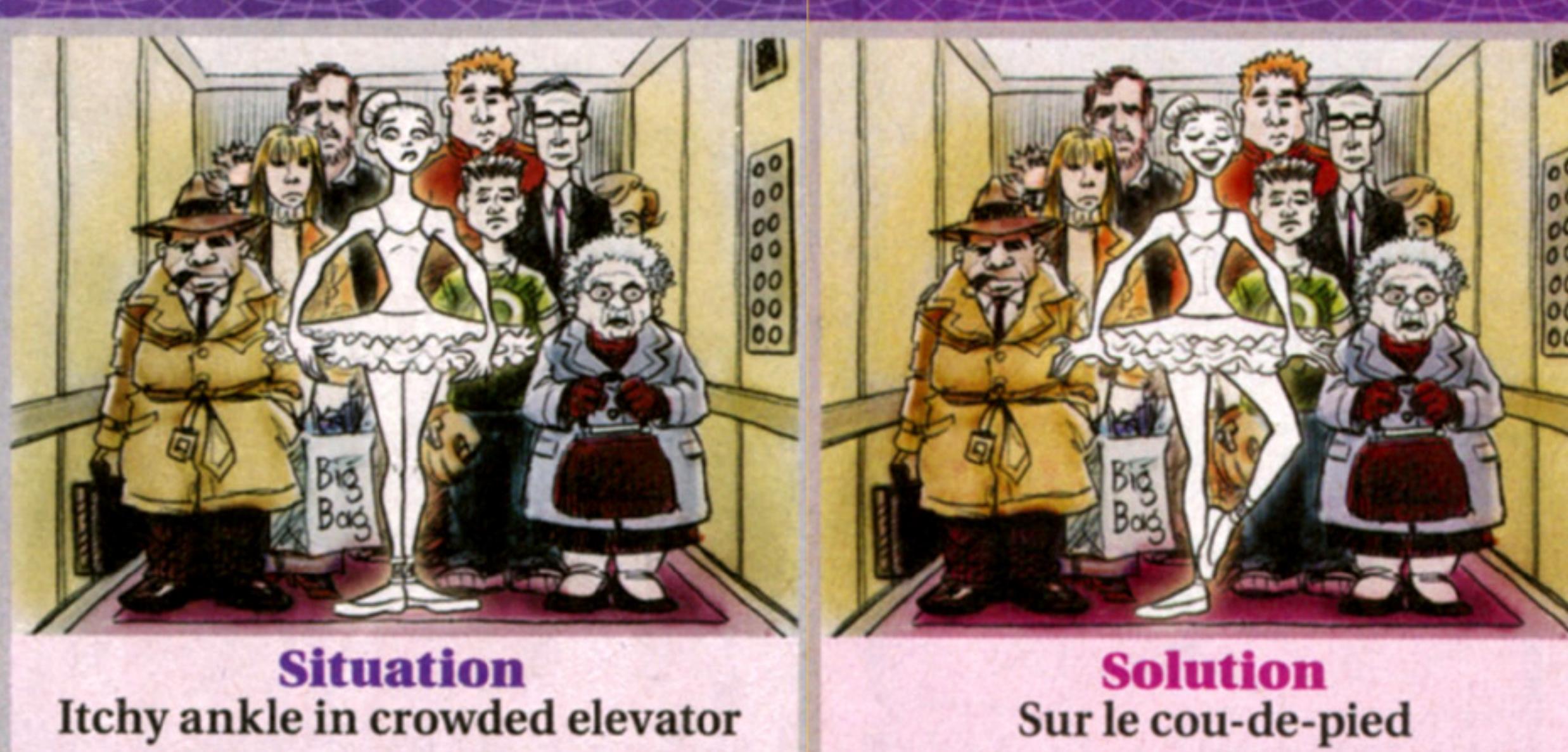
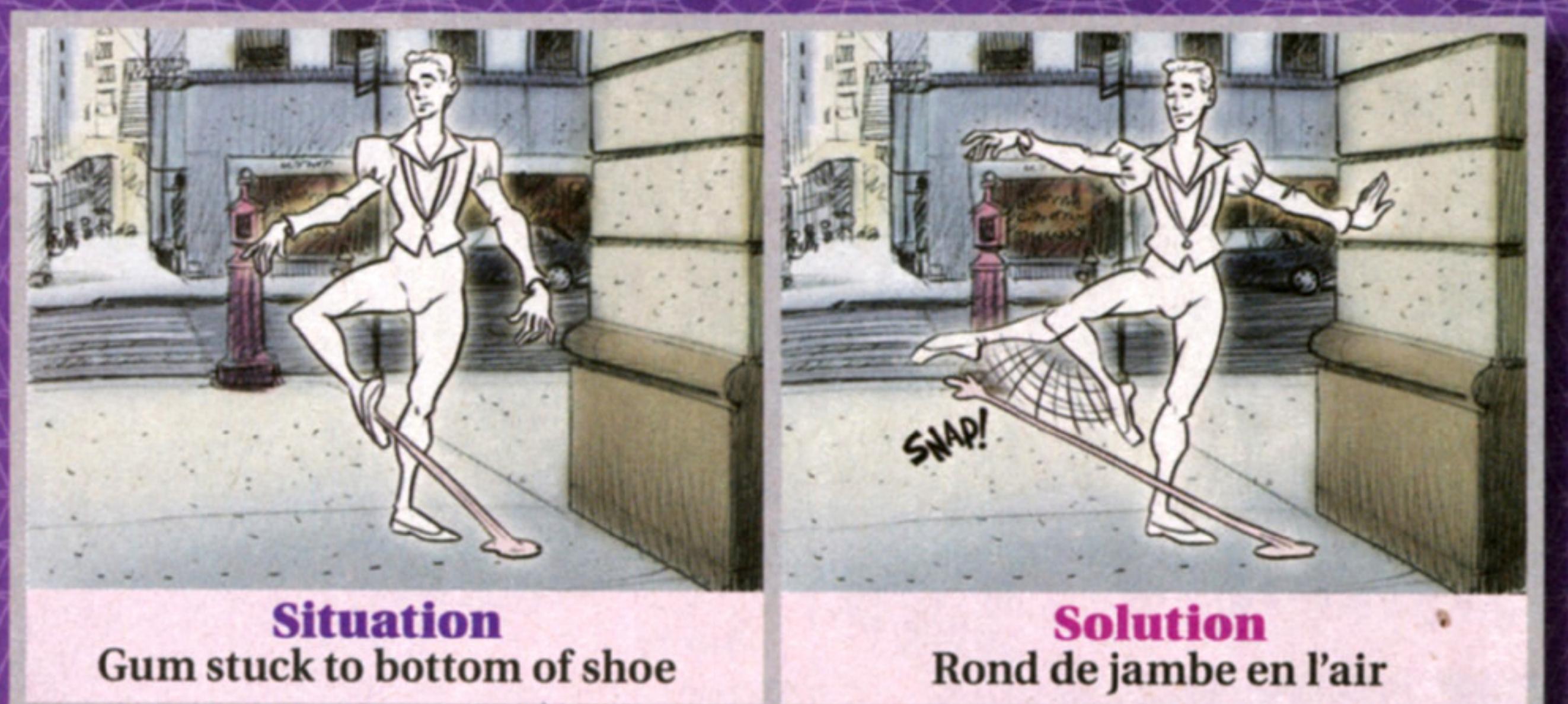
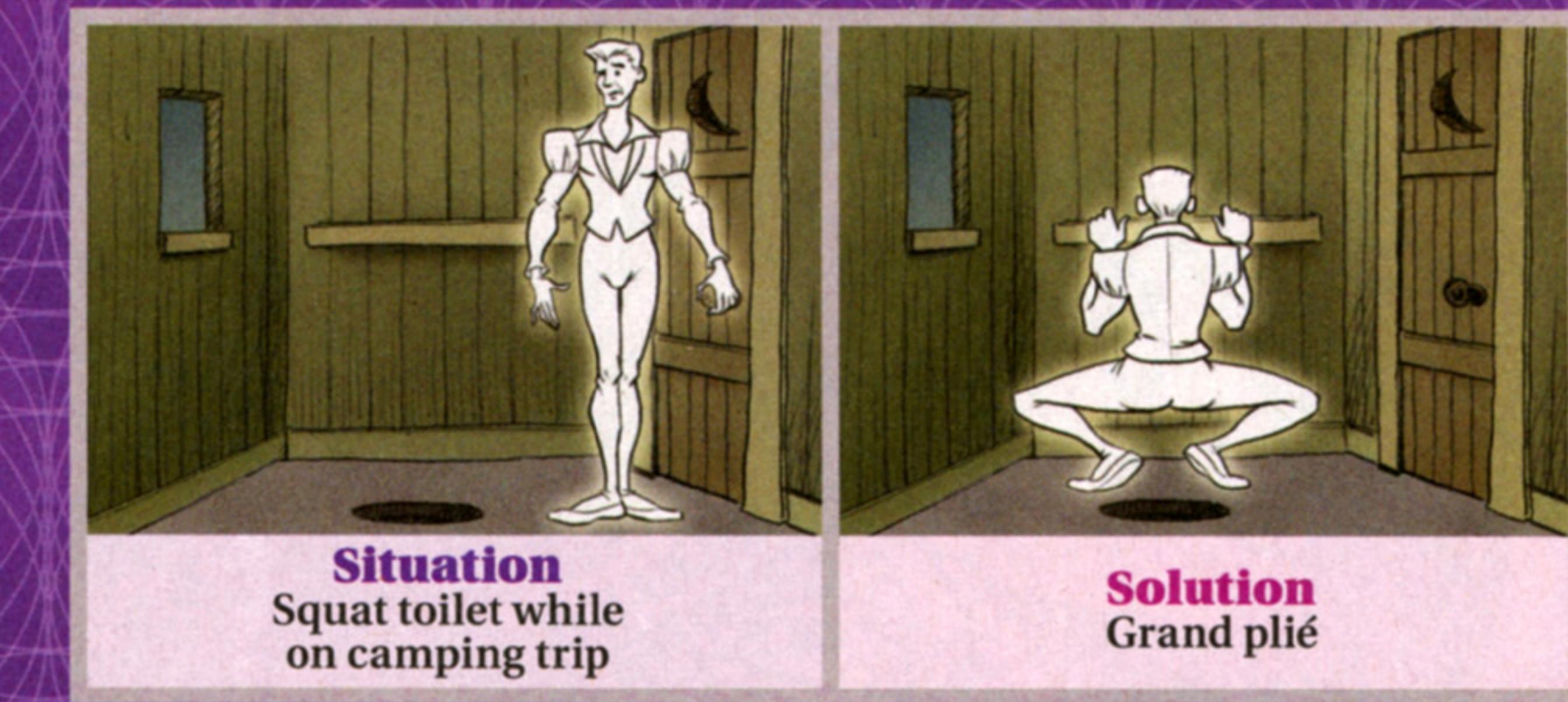
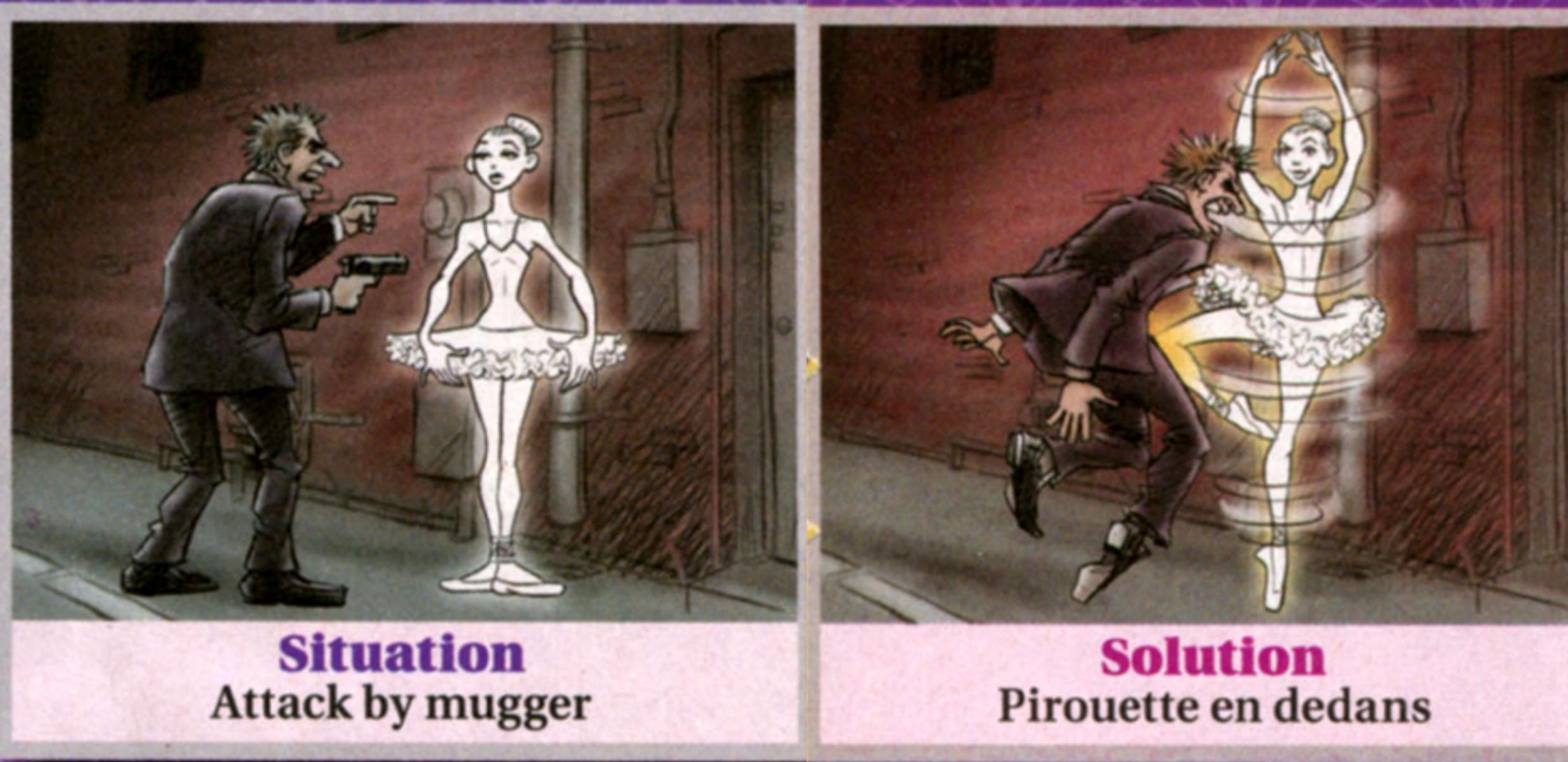
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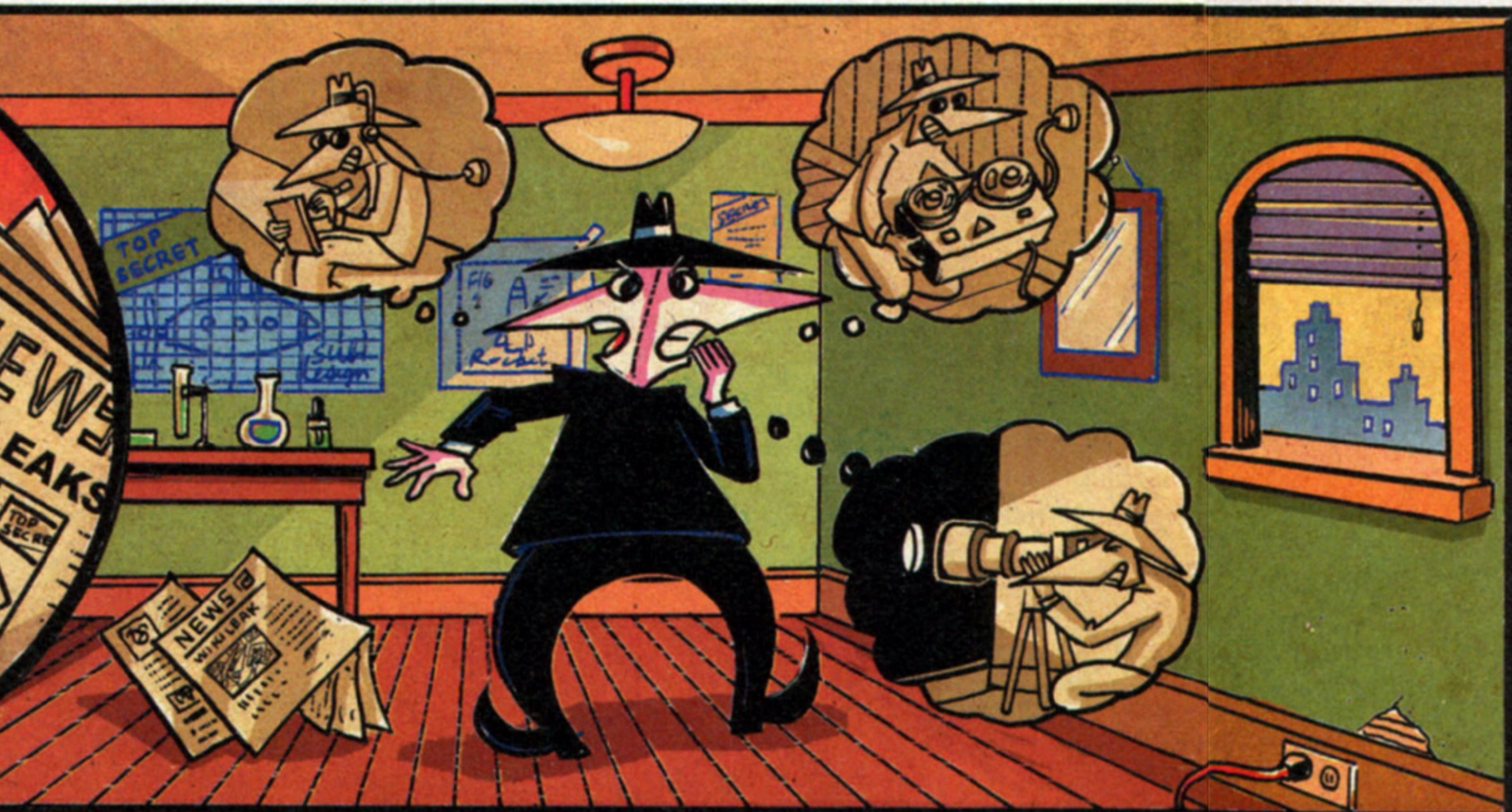




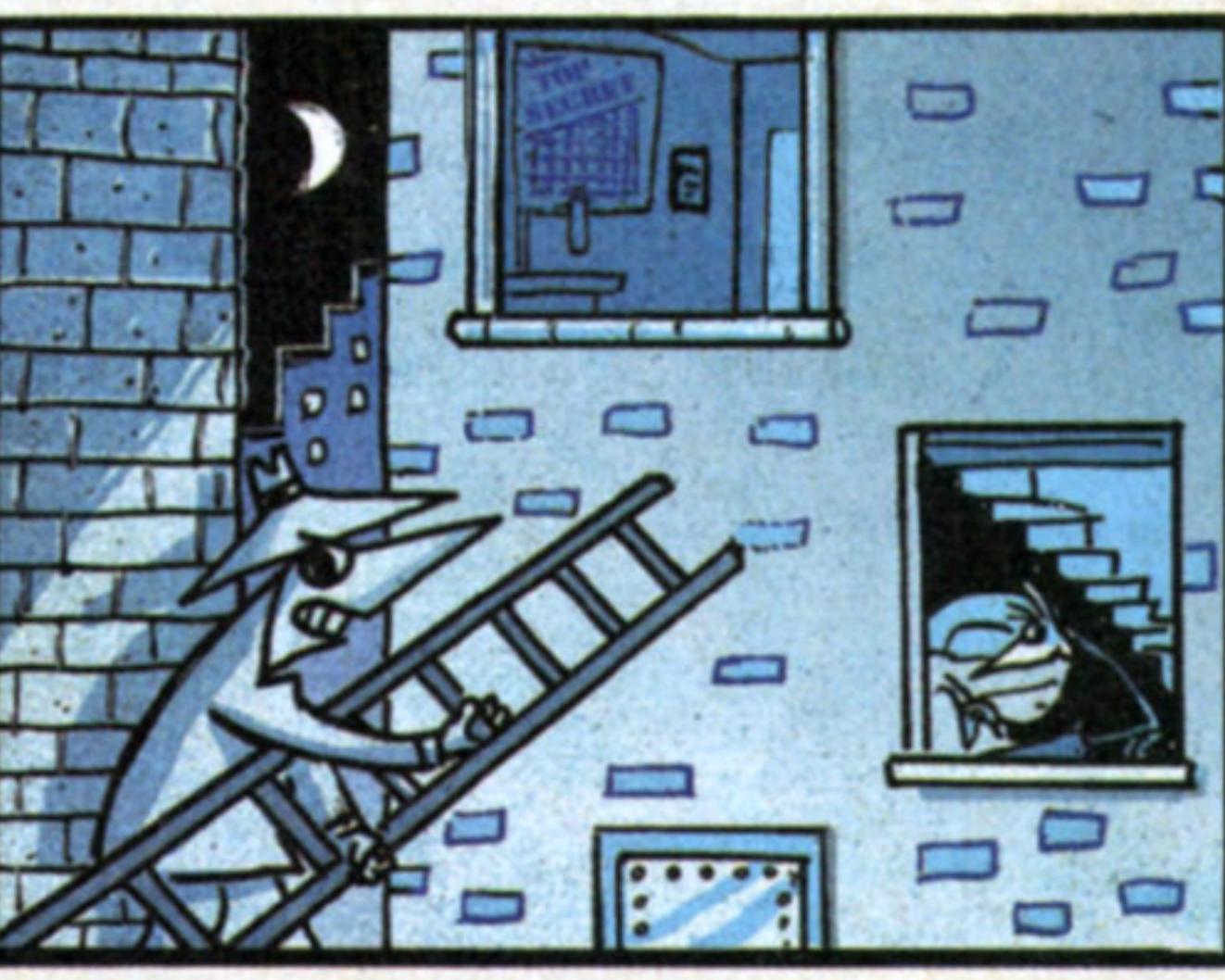
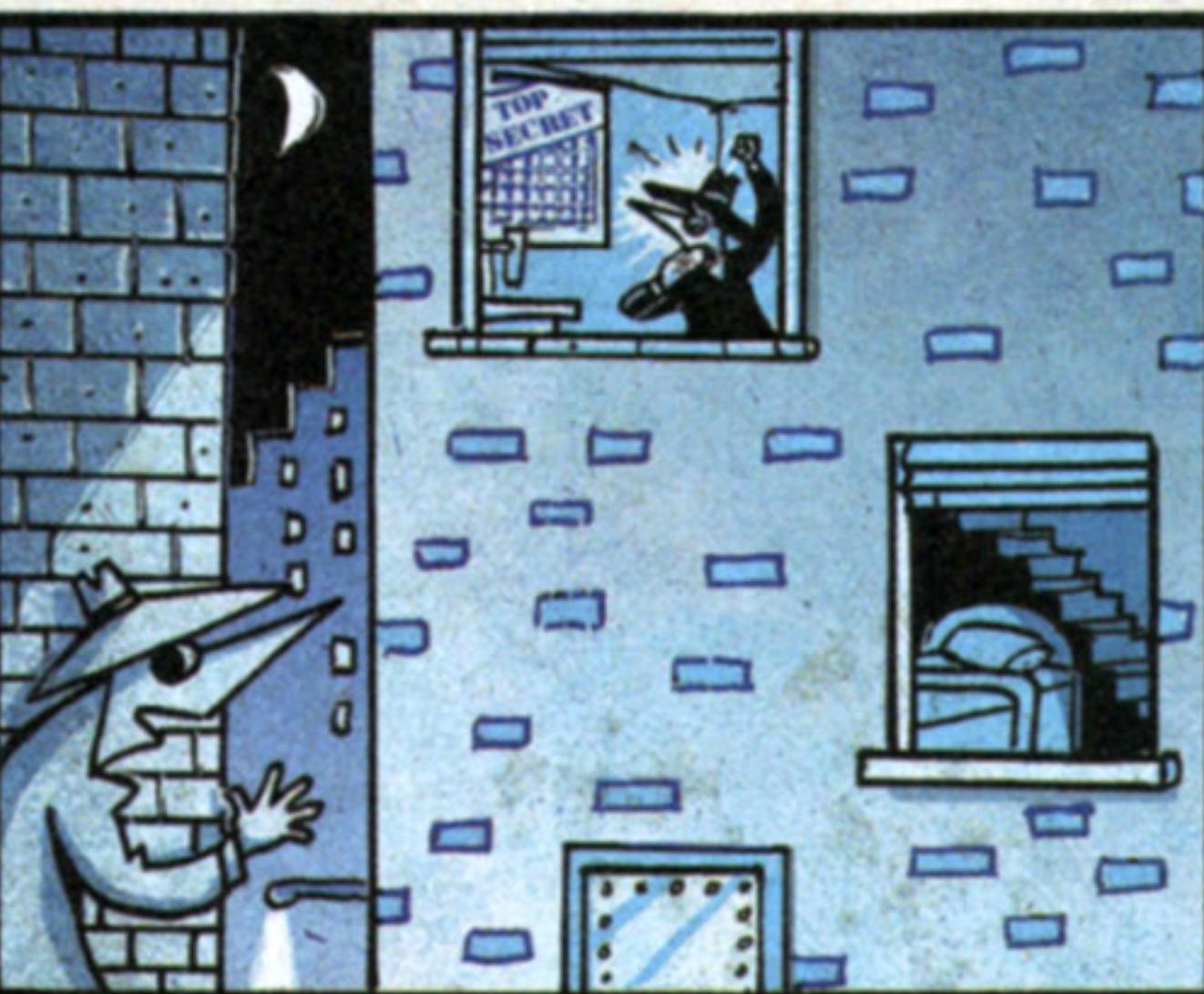
As Natalie Portman showed in *Black Swan*, ballet is a grueling activity that destroys your body, wrecks your mind, and makes you stab Winona Ryder in the face. Unfortunately, all this sacrifice yields very little: a few hours each week, prancing round a stage in a frilly leotard. So for all you pirouettors, leapers, and face-stabbers out there, we've helpfully discovered ways for you to make your skills worthwhile! All you need to do is apply...

# MAD's 11 Little-Known, Practical, Real Life Uses for Ballet



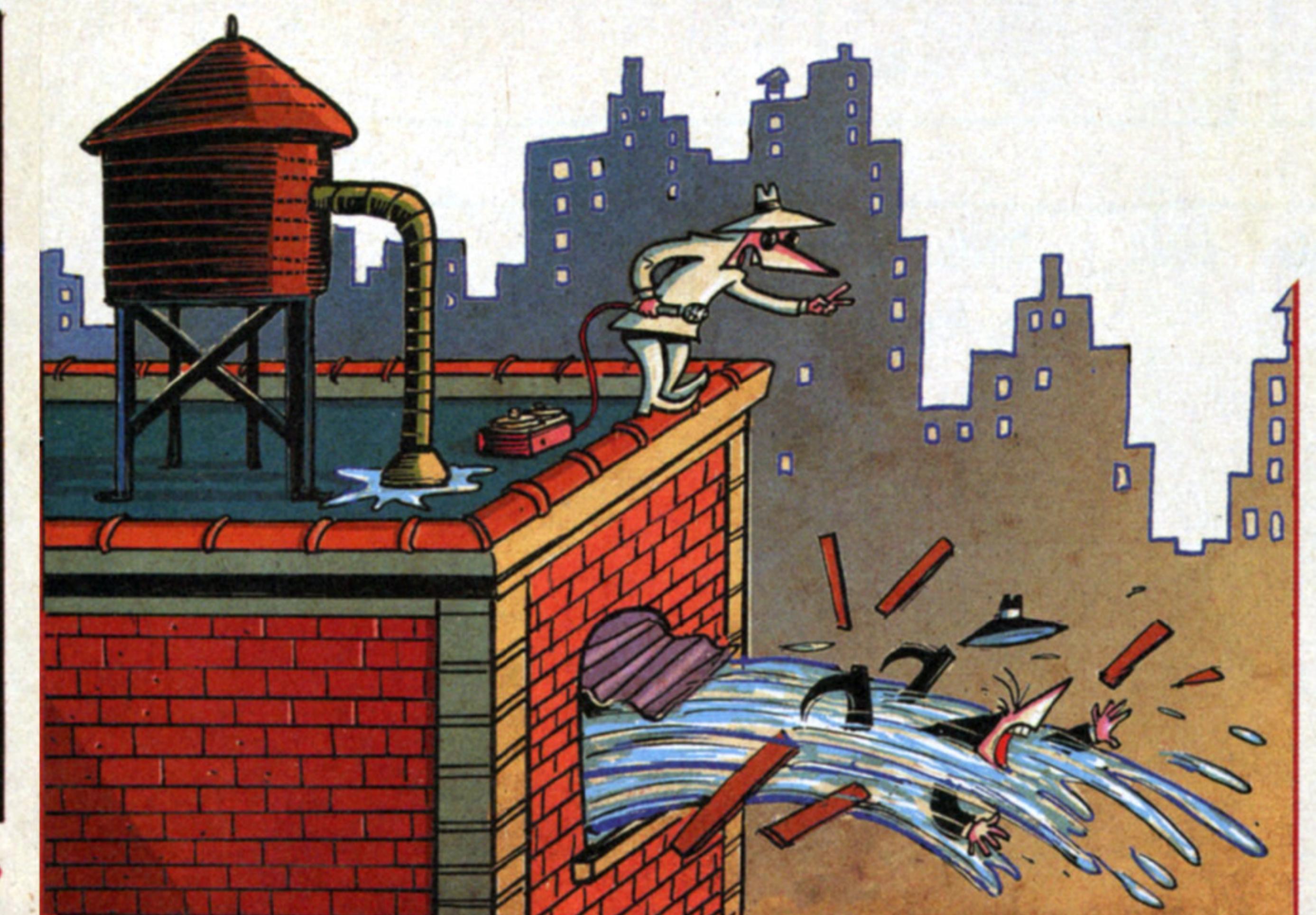
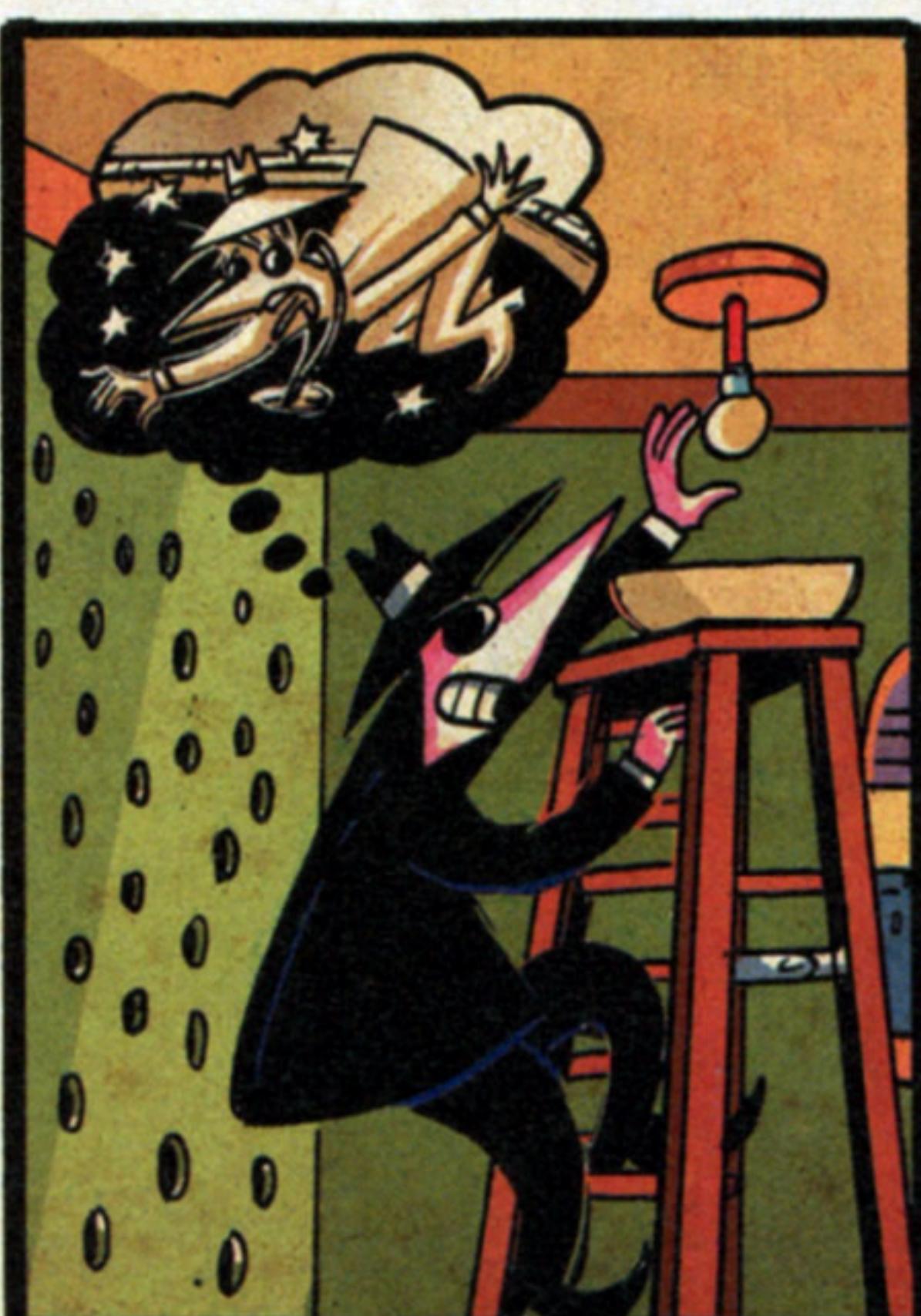
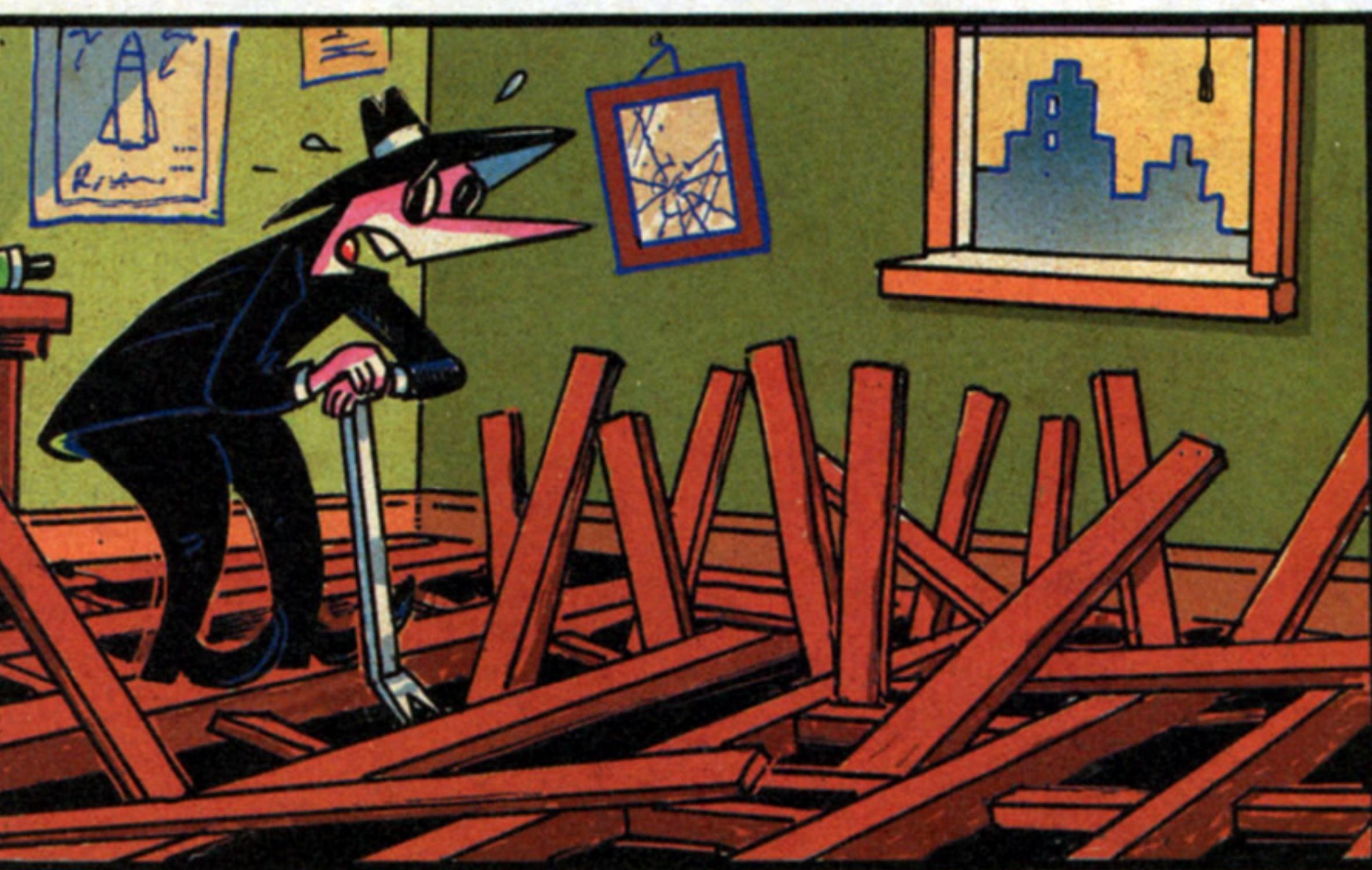


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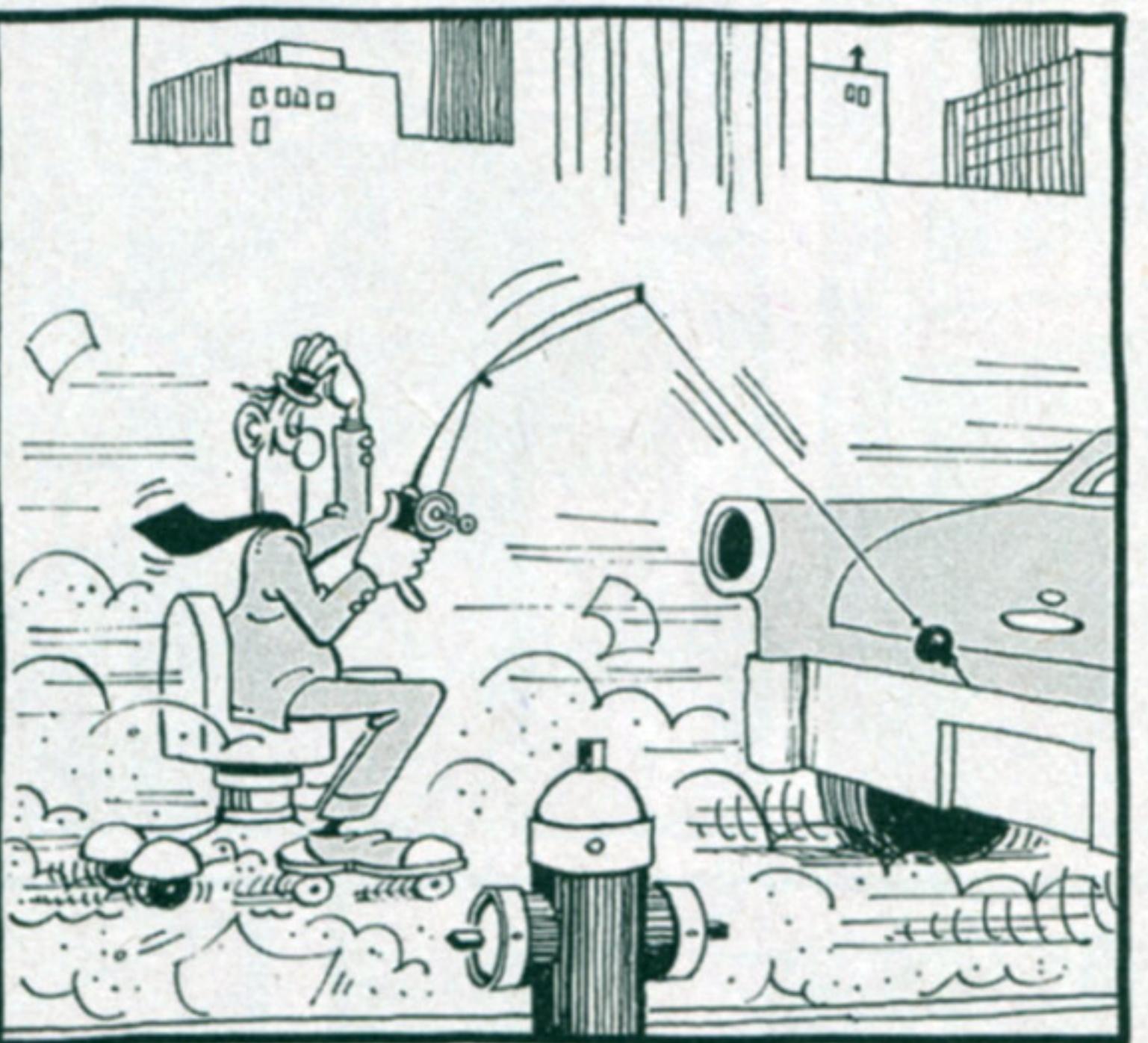
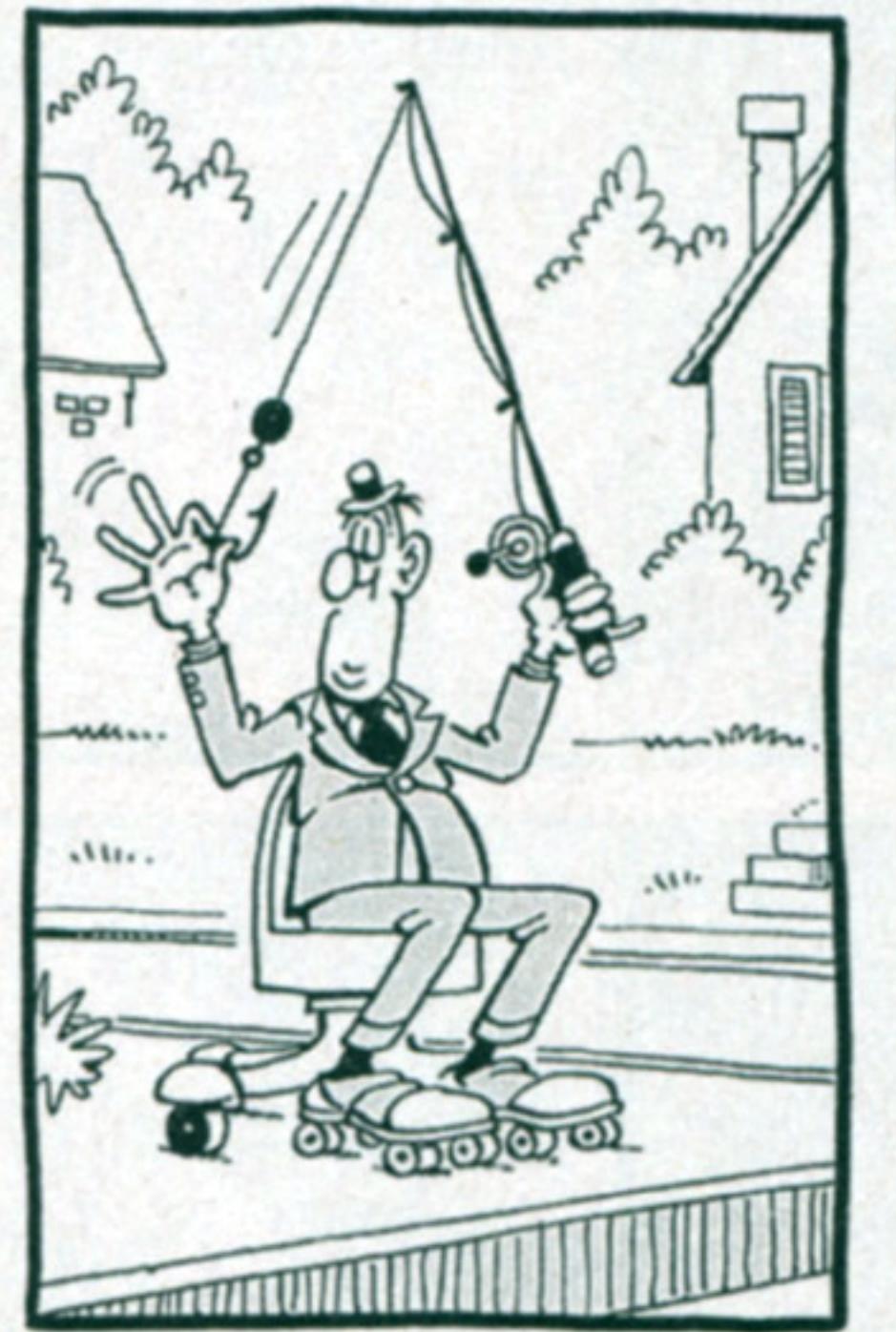
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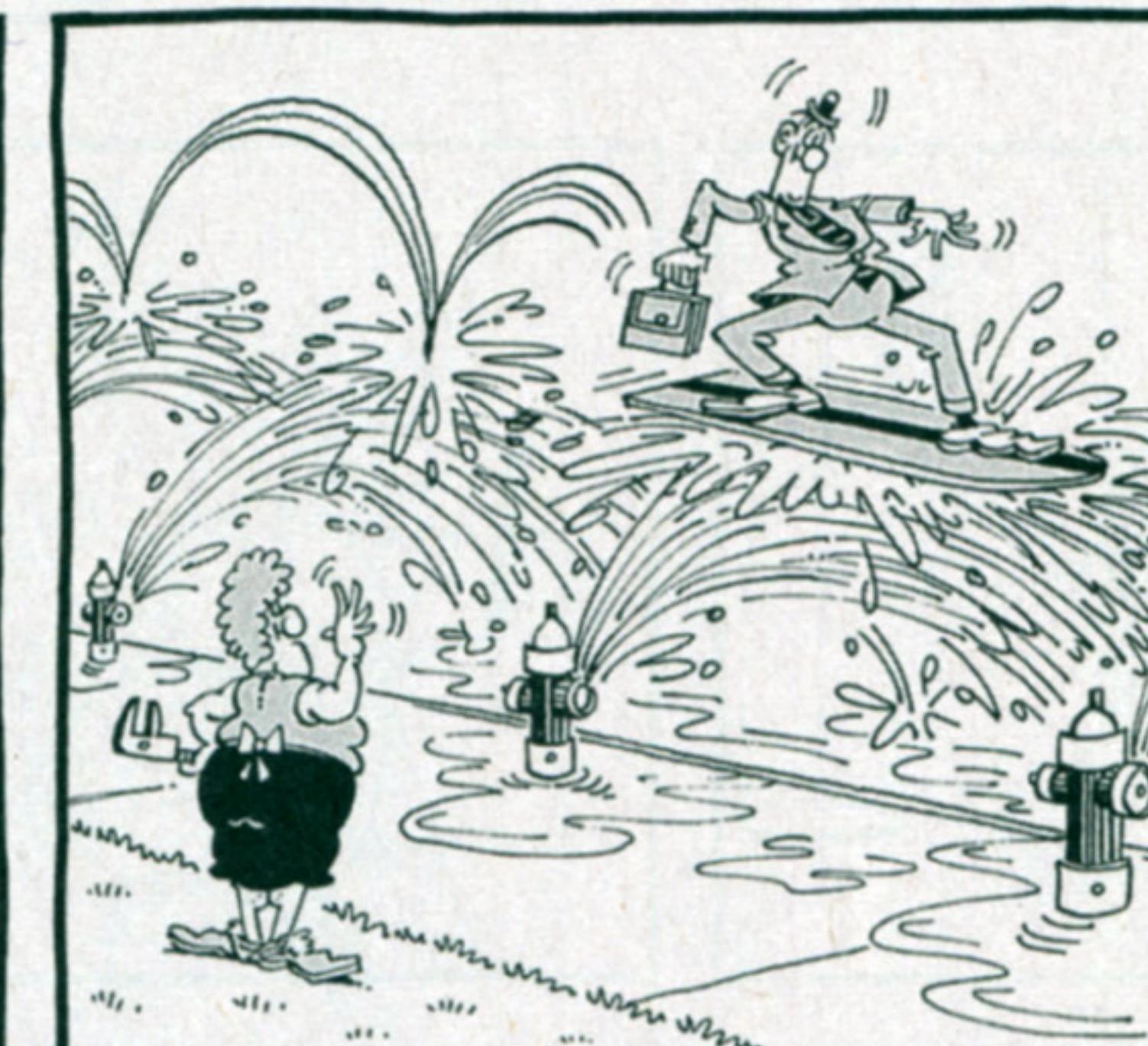
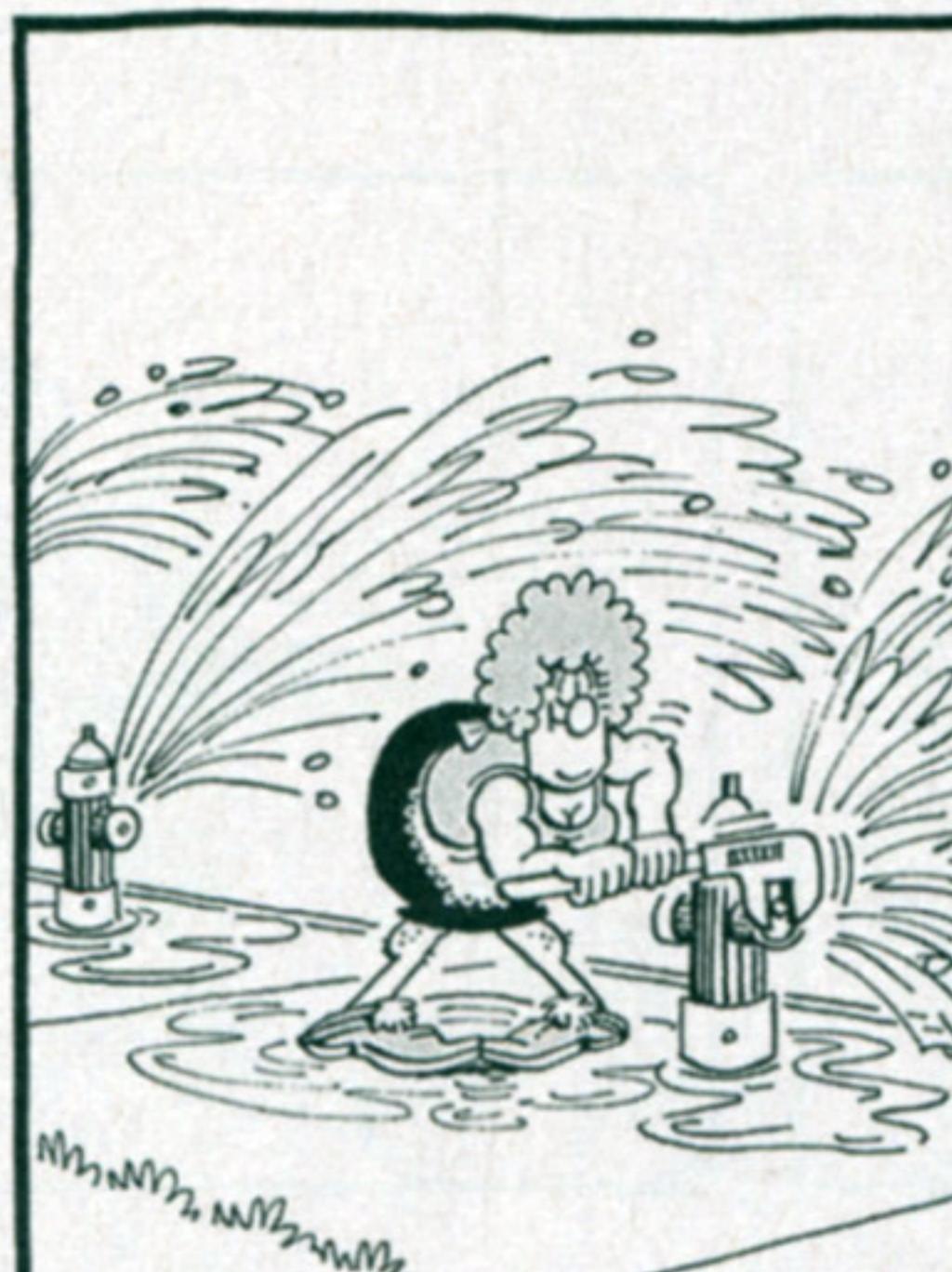
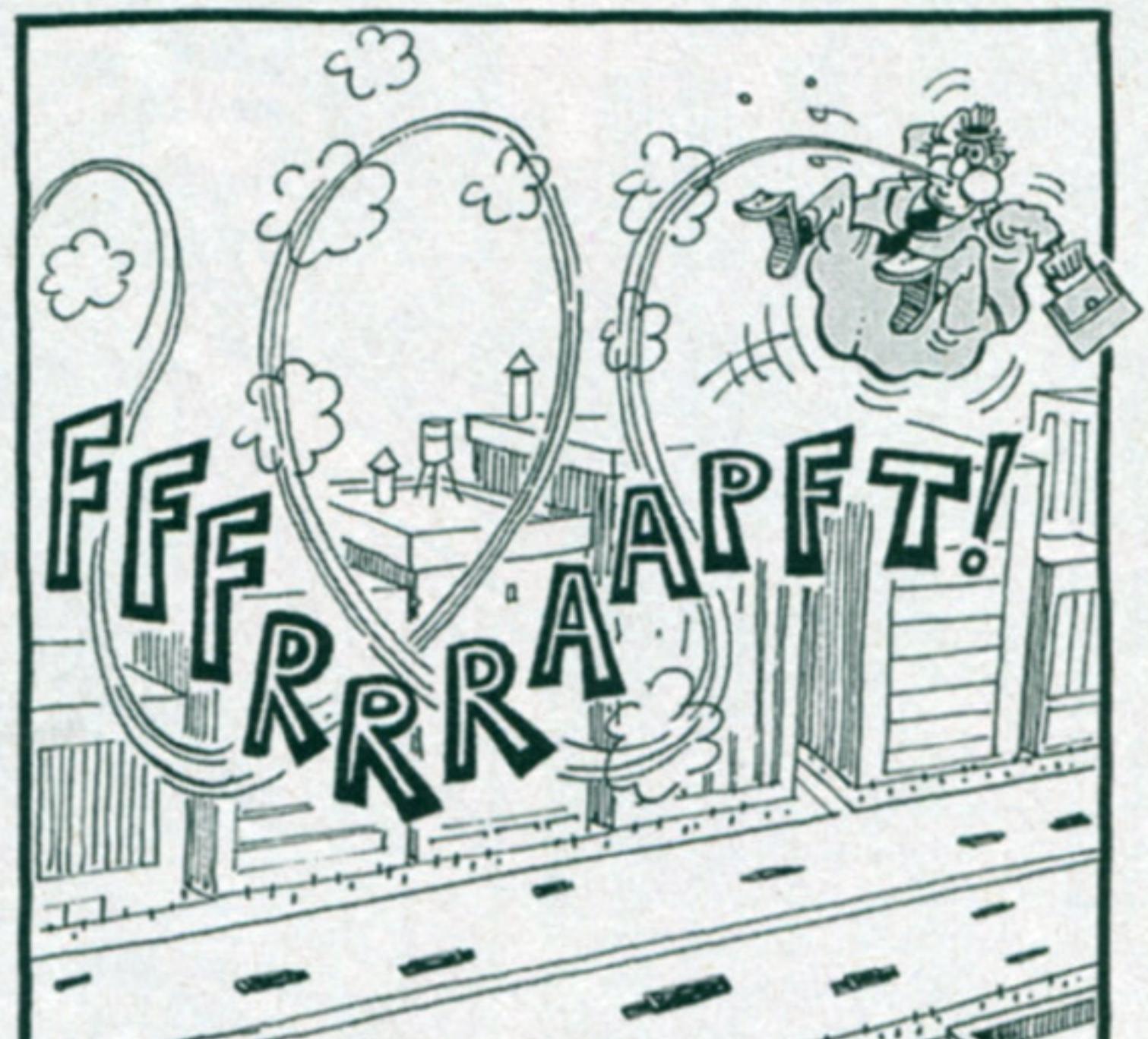
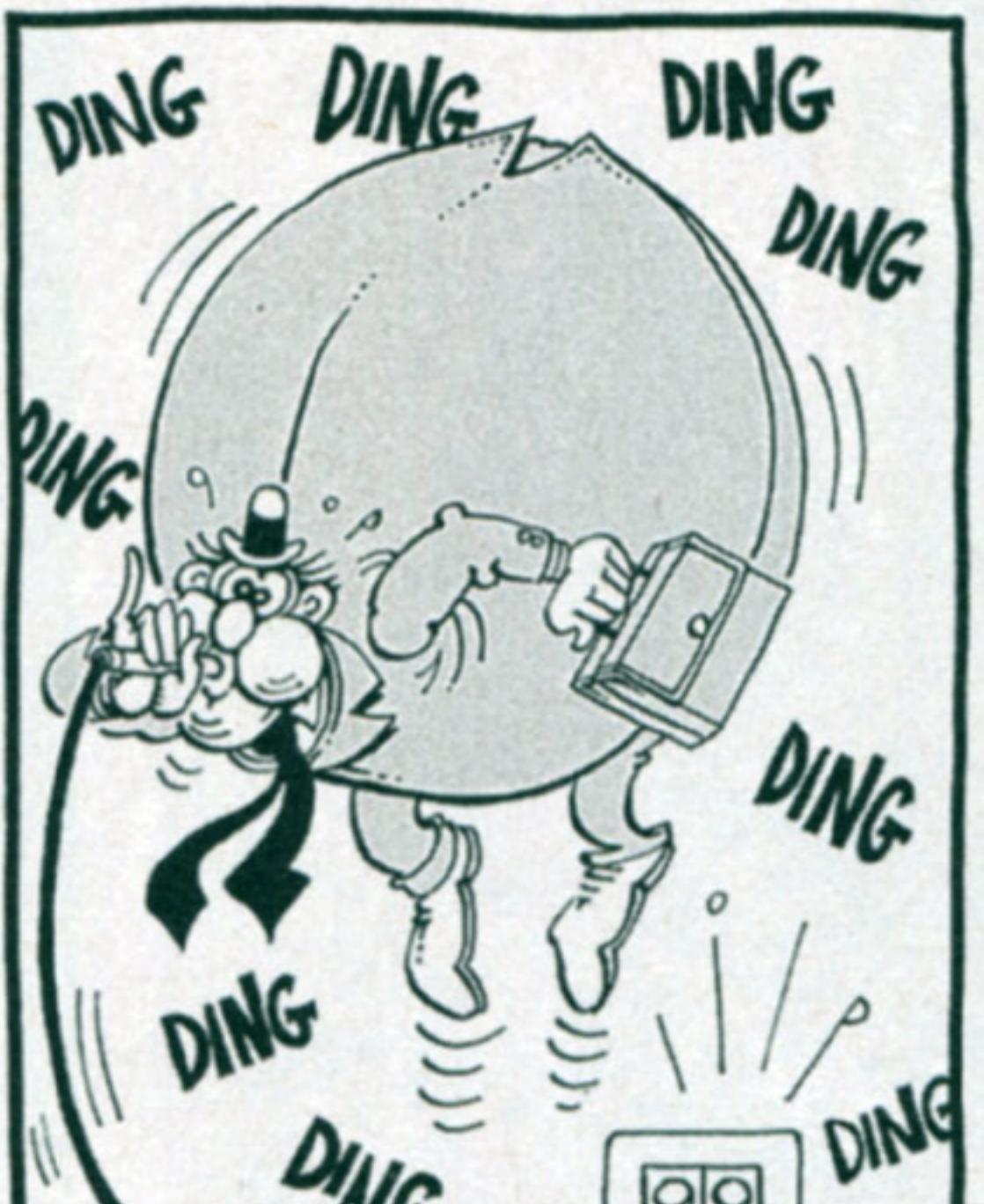
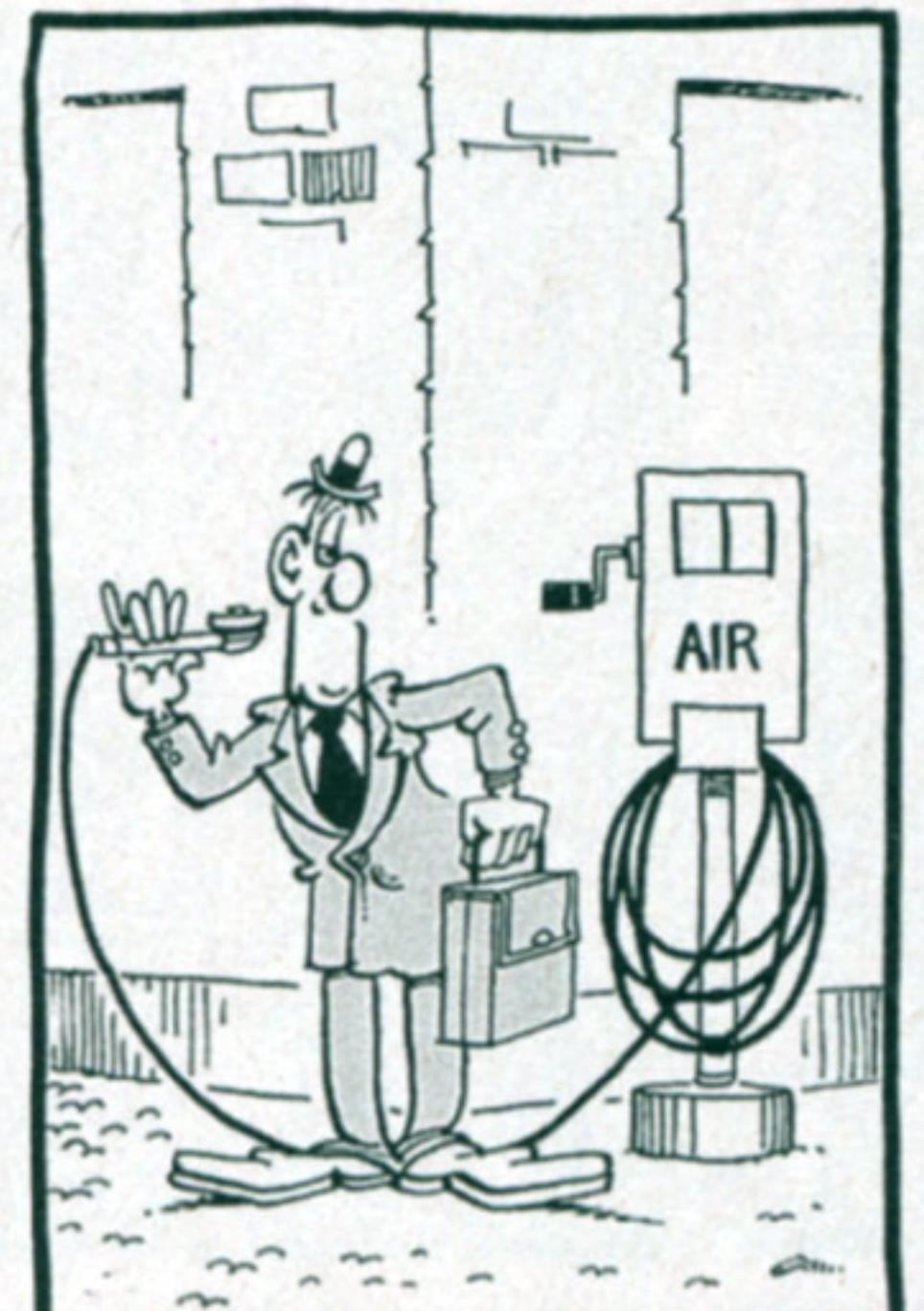
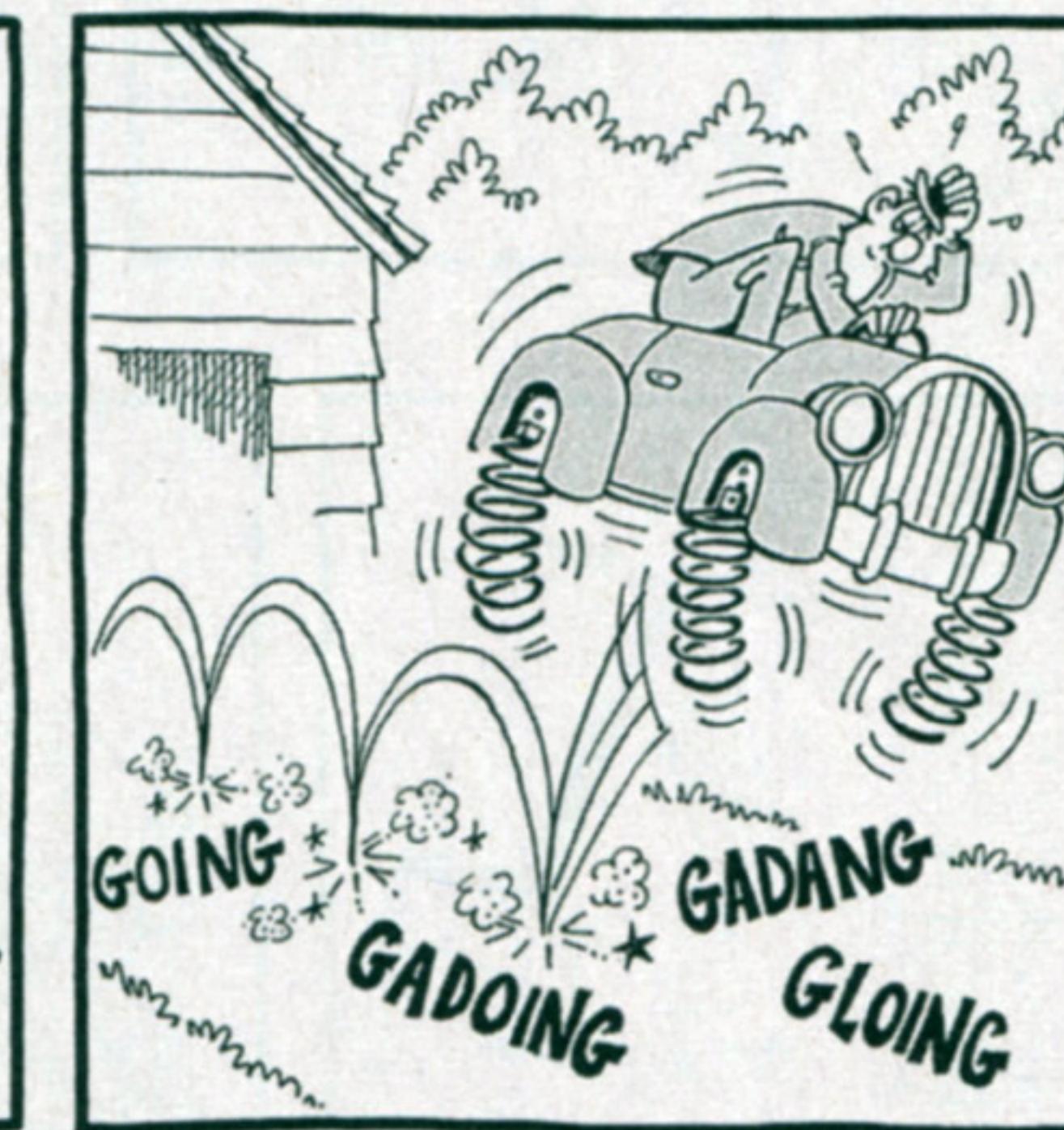
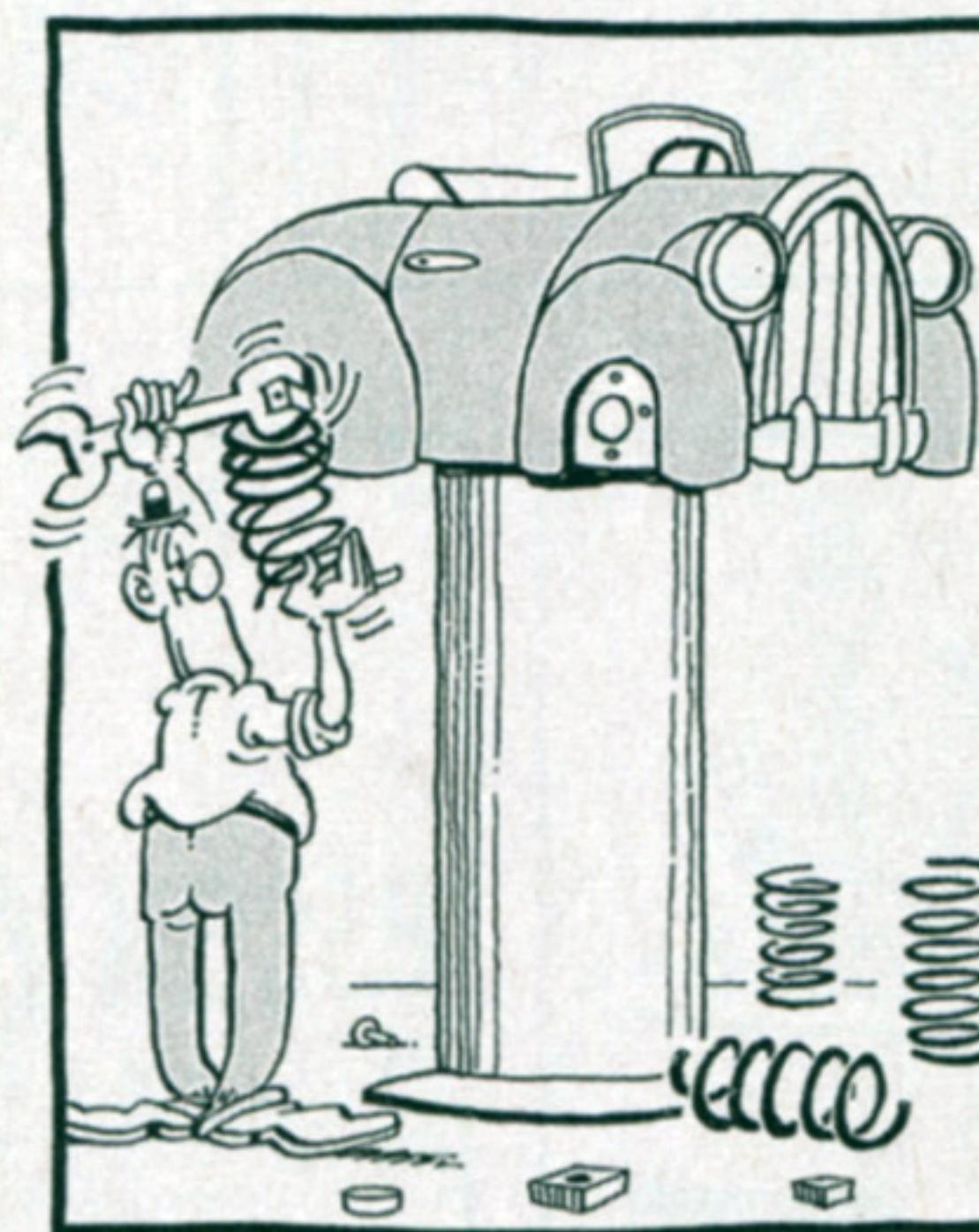
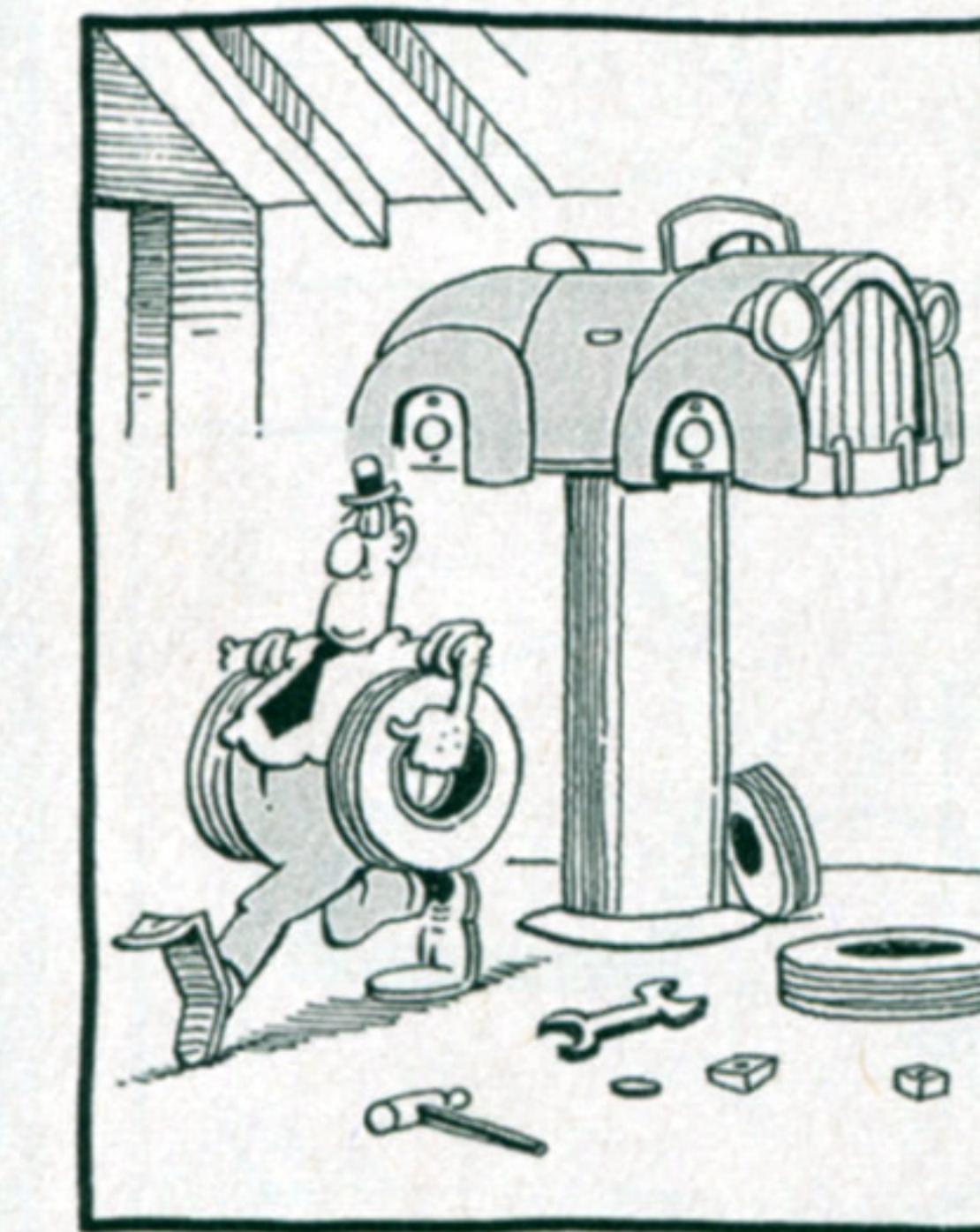
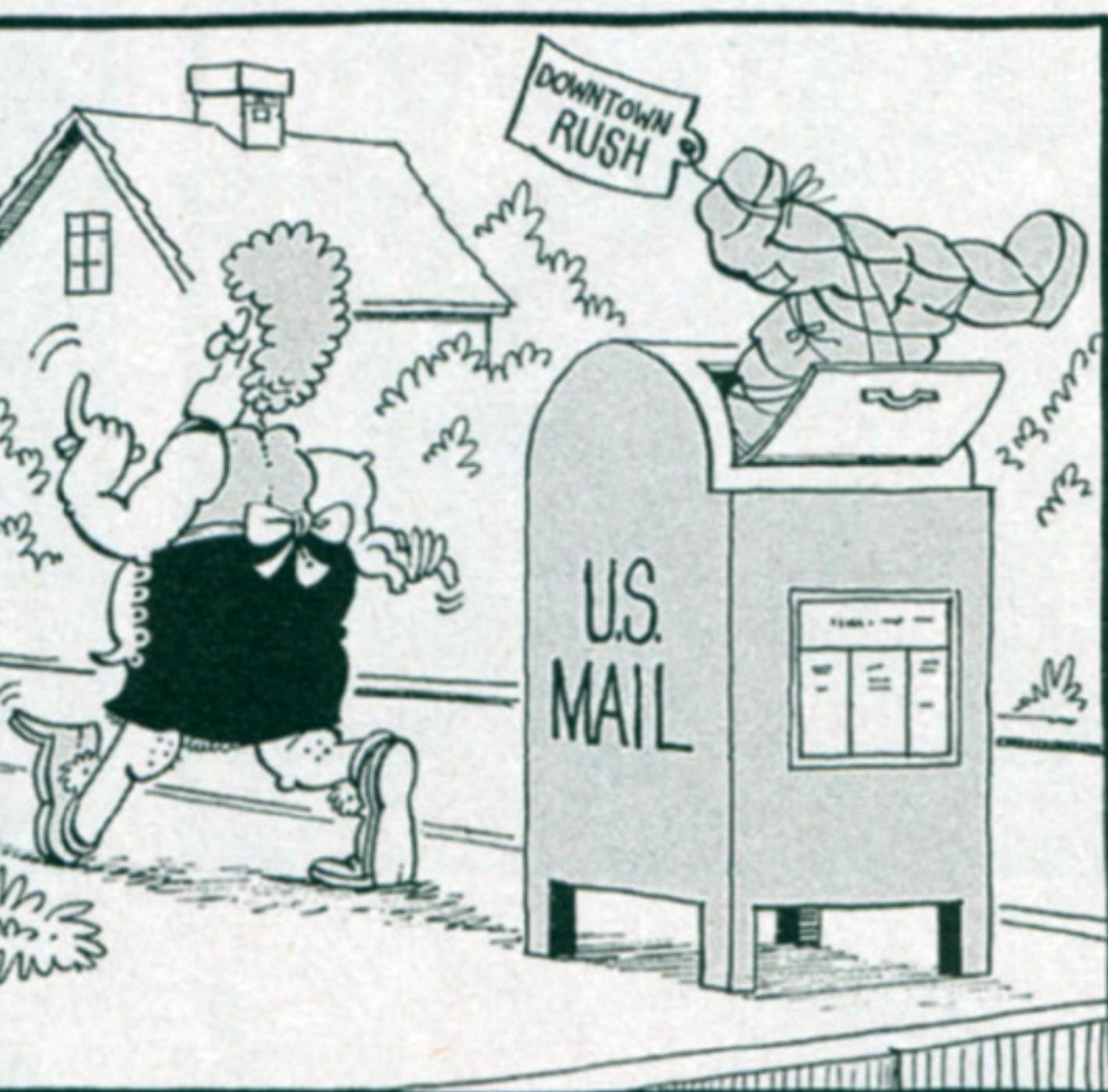
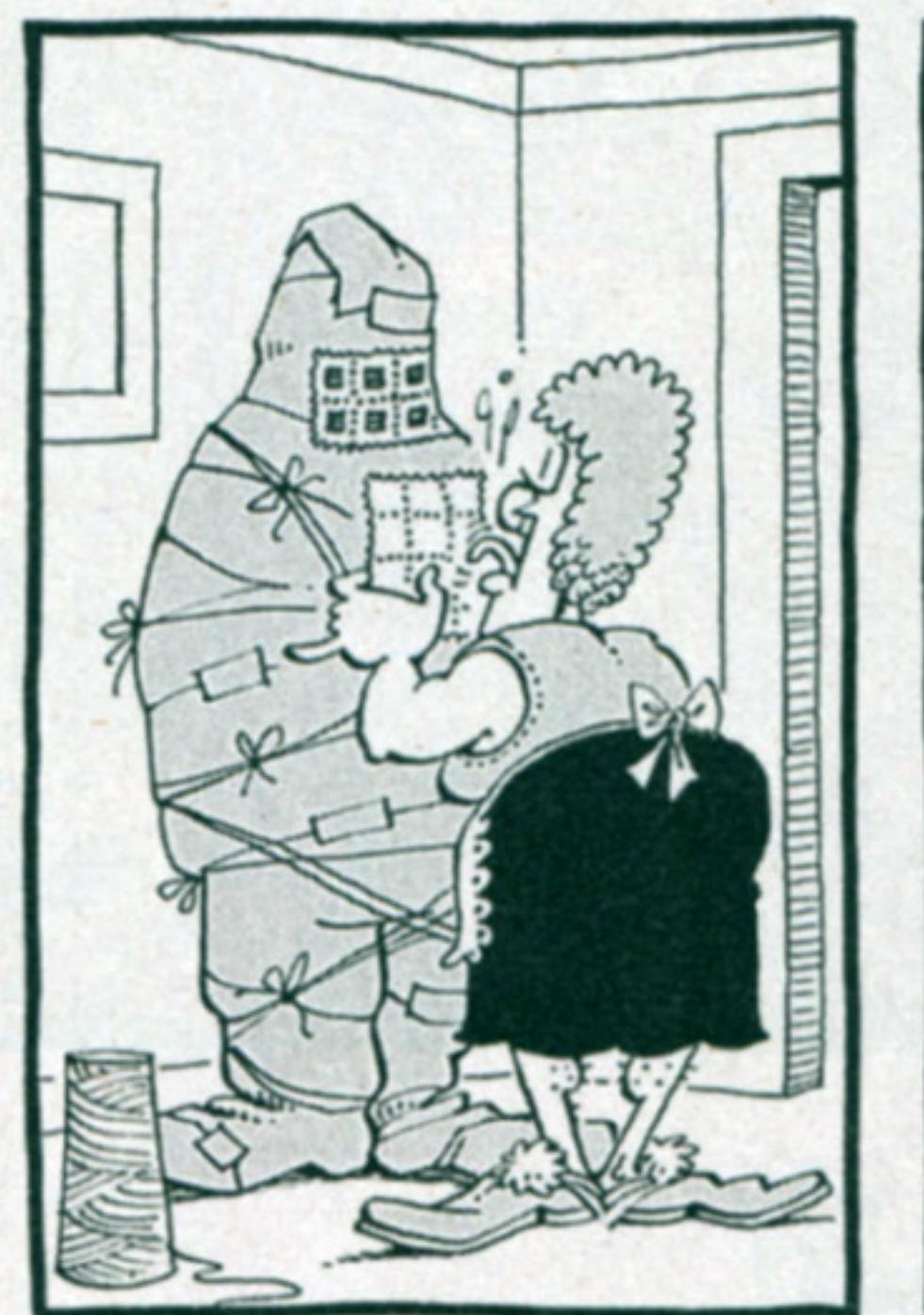
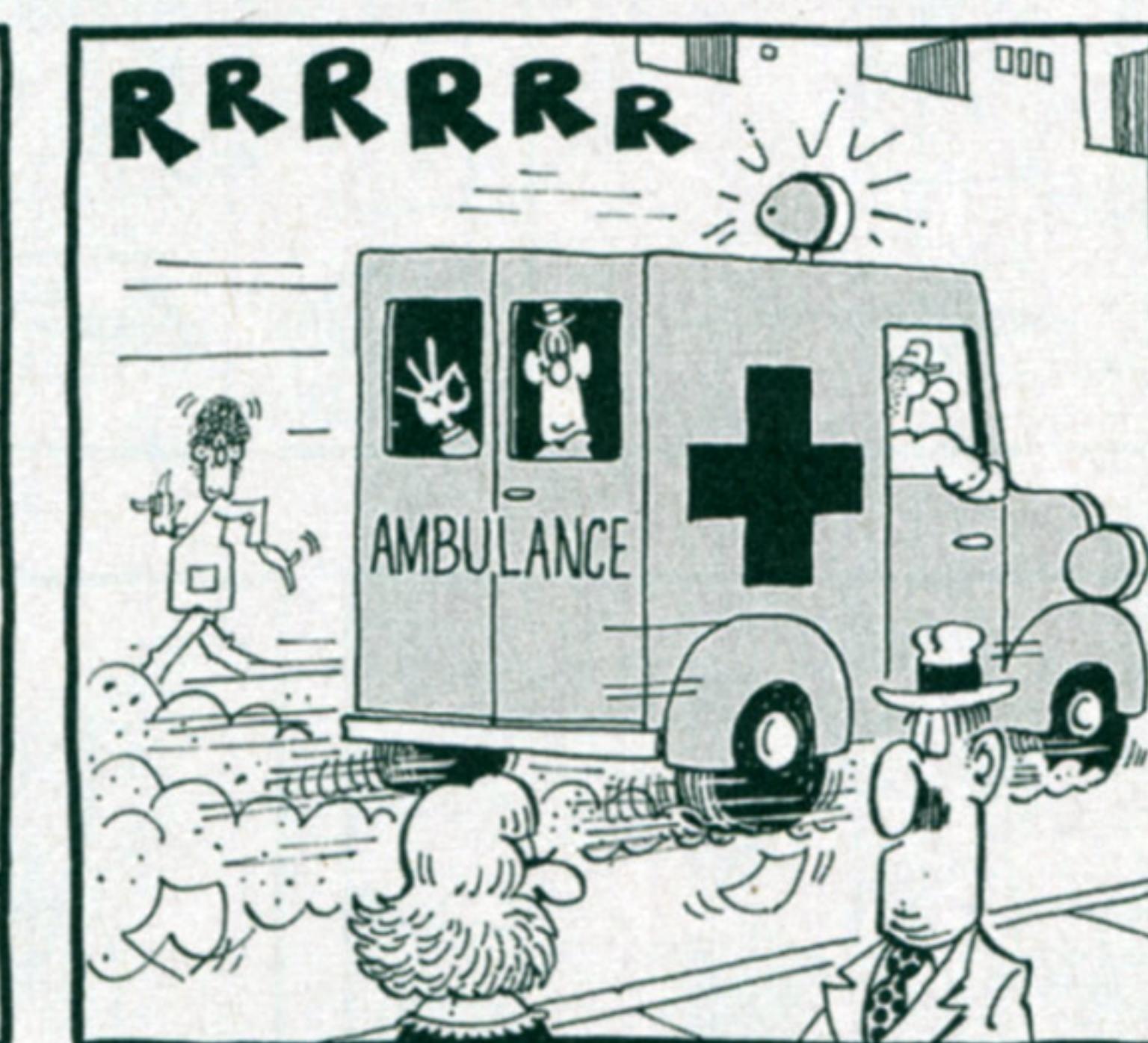
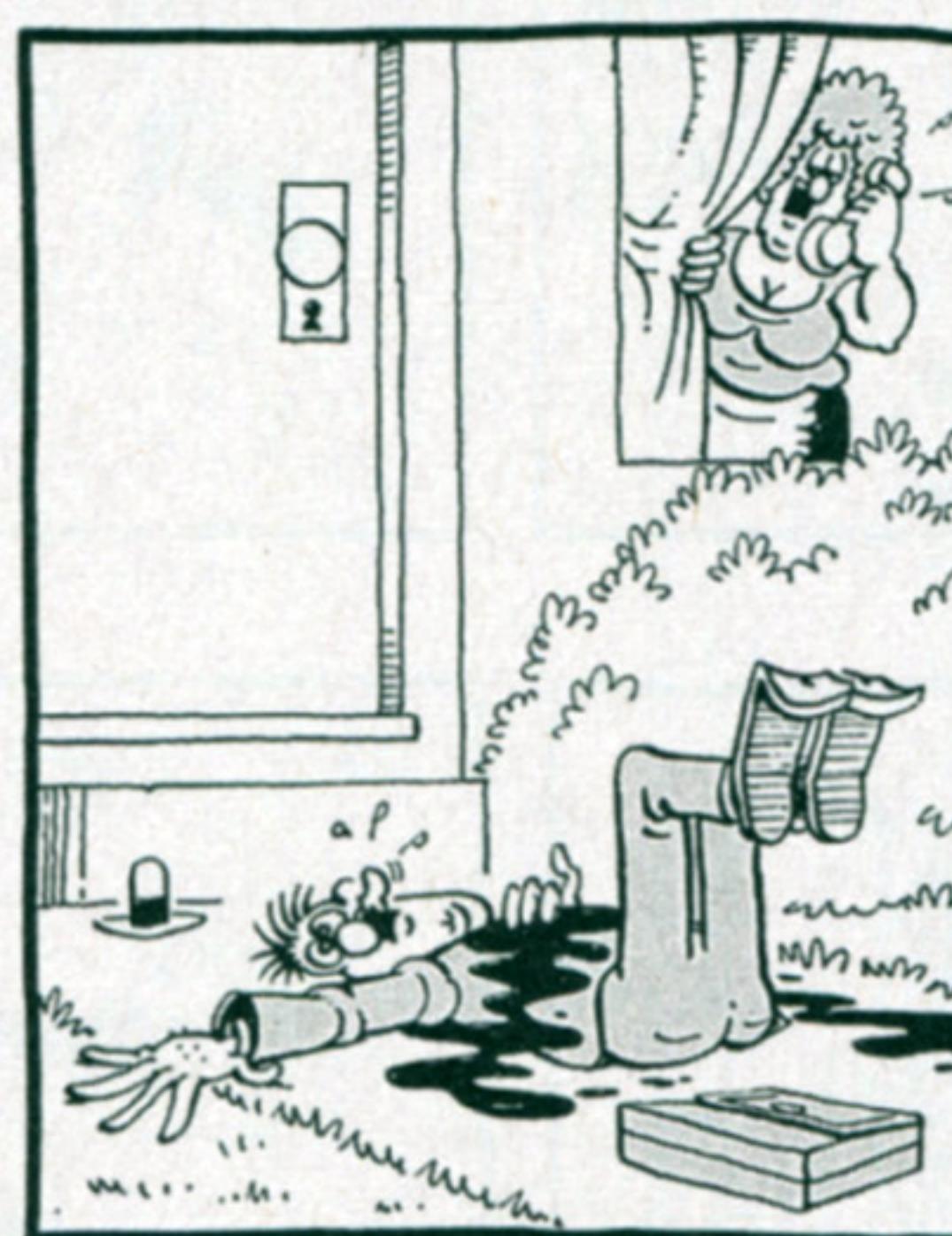


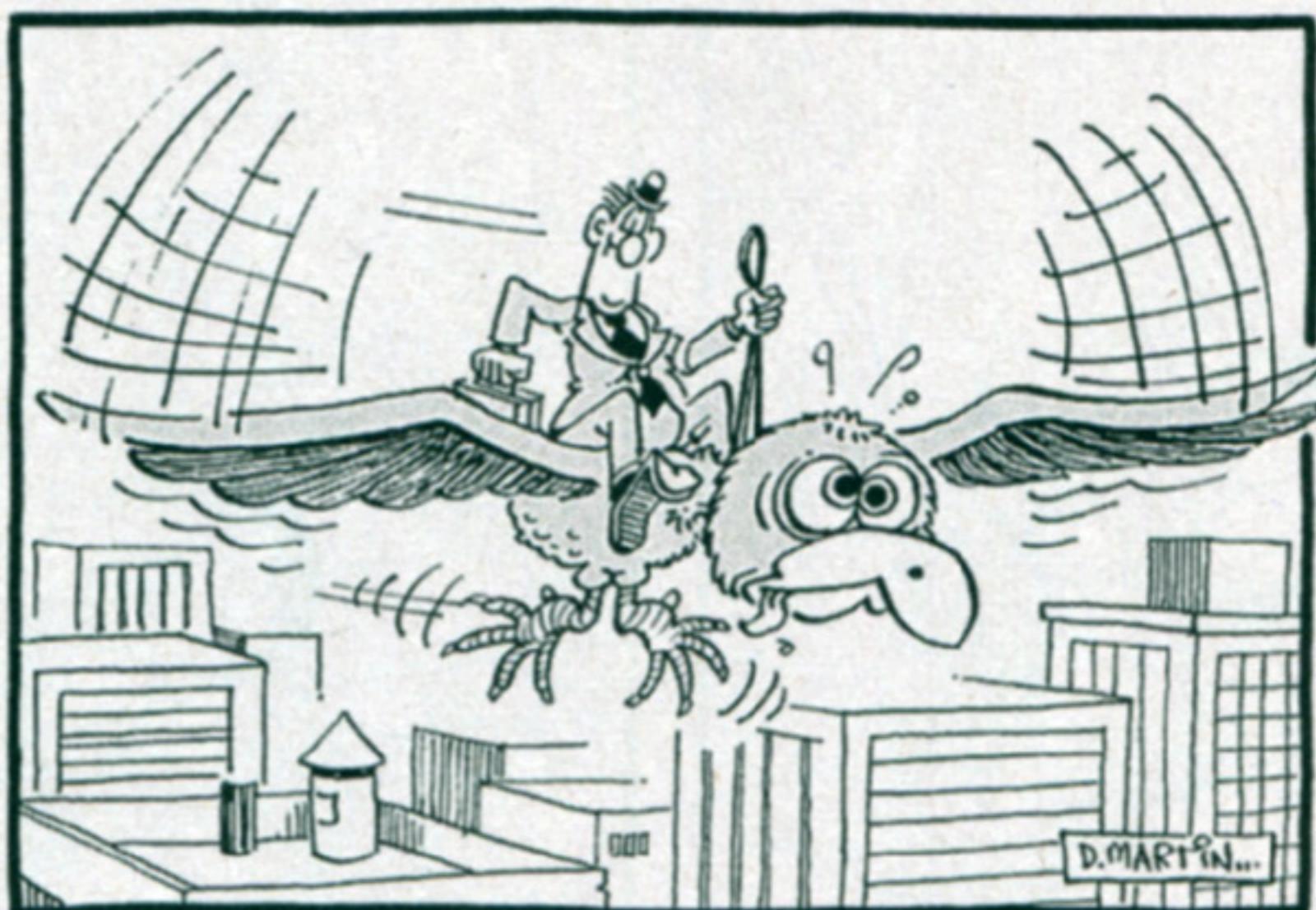
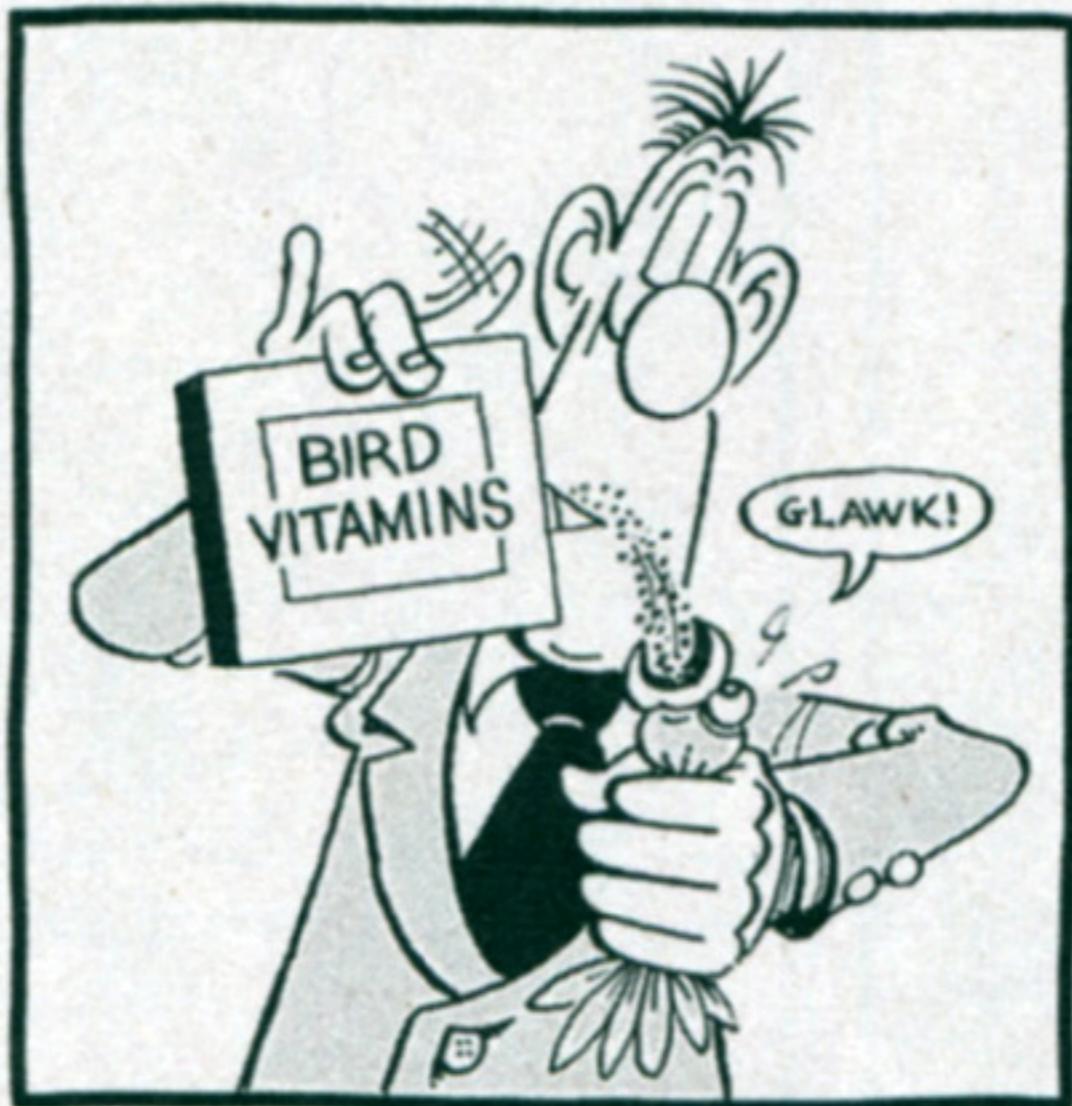
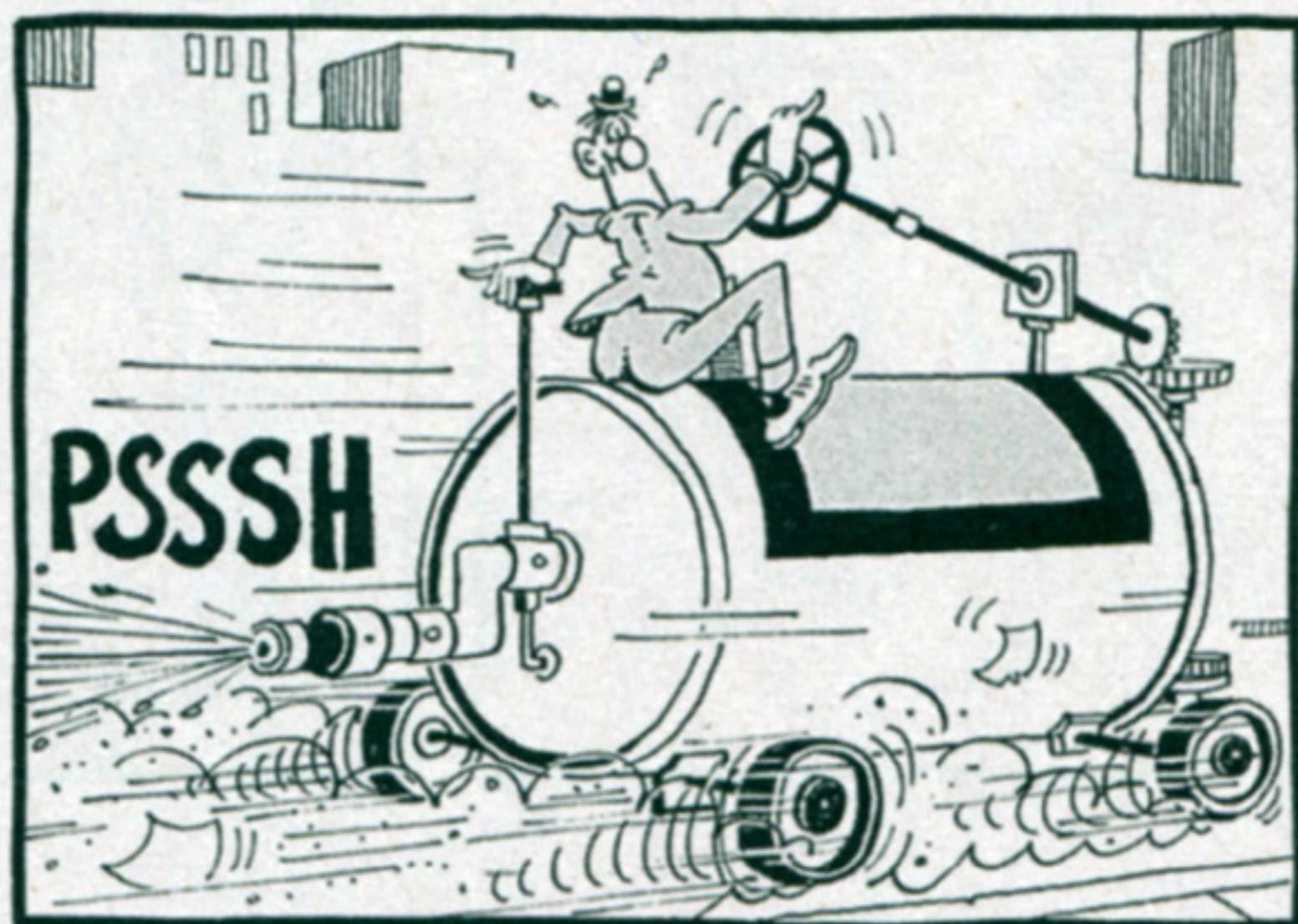
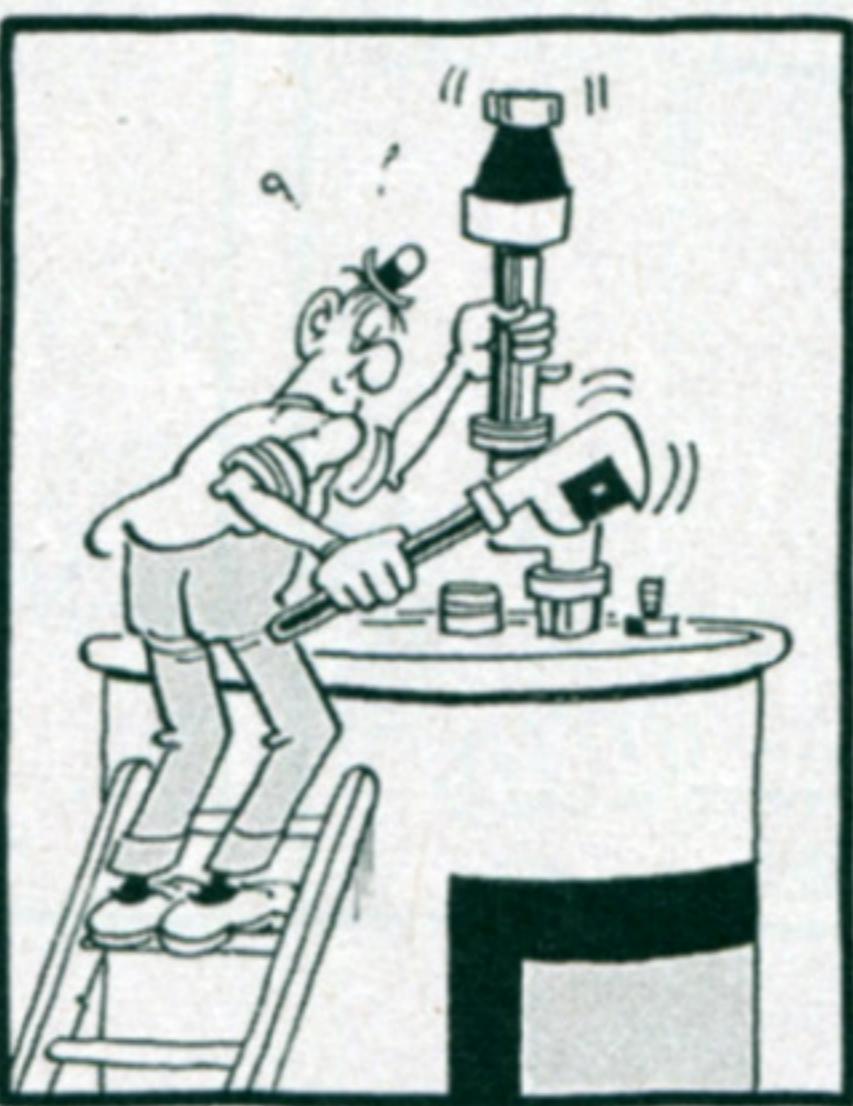
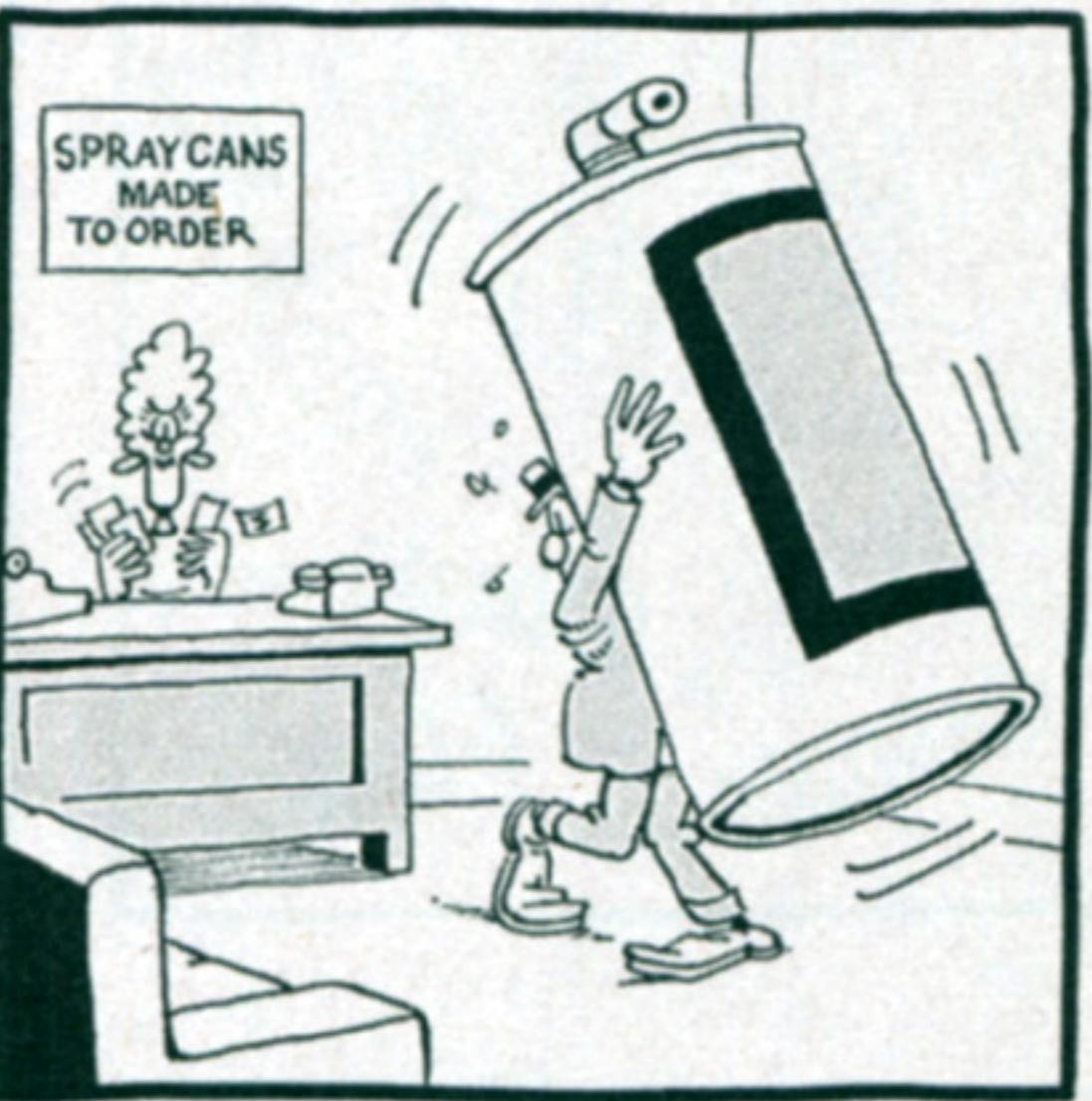
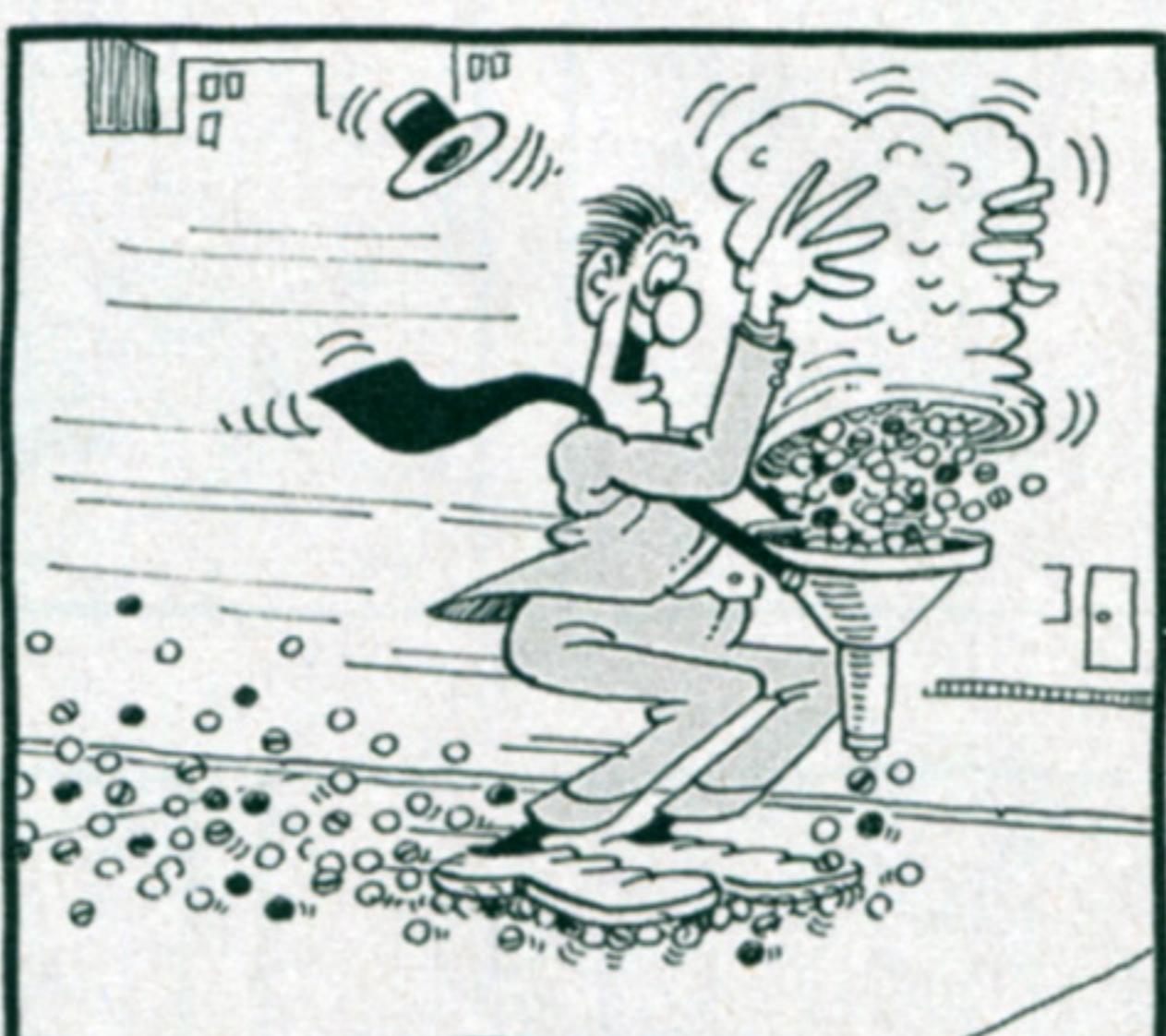
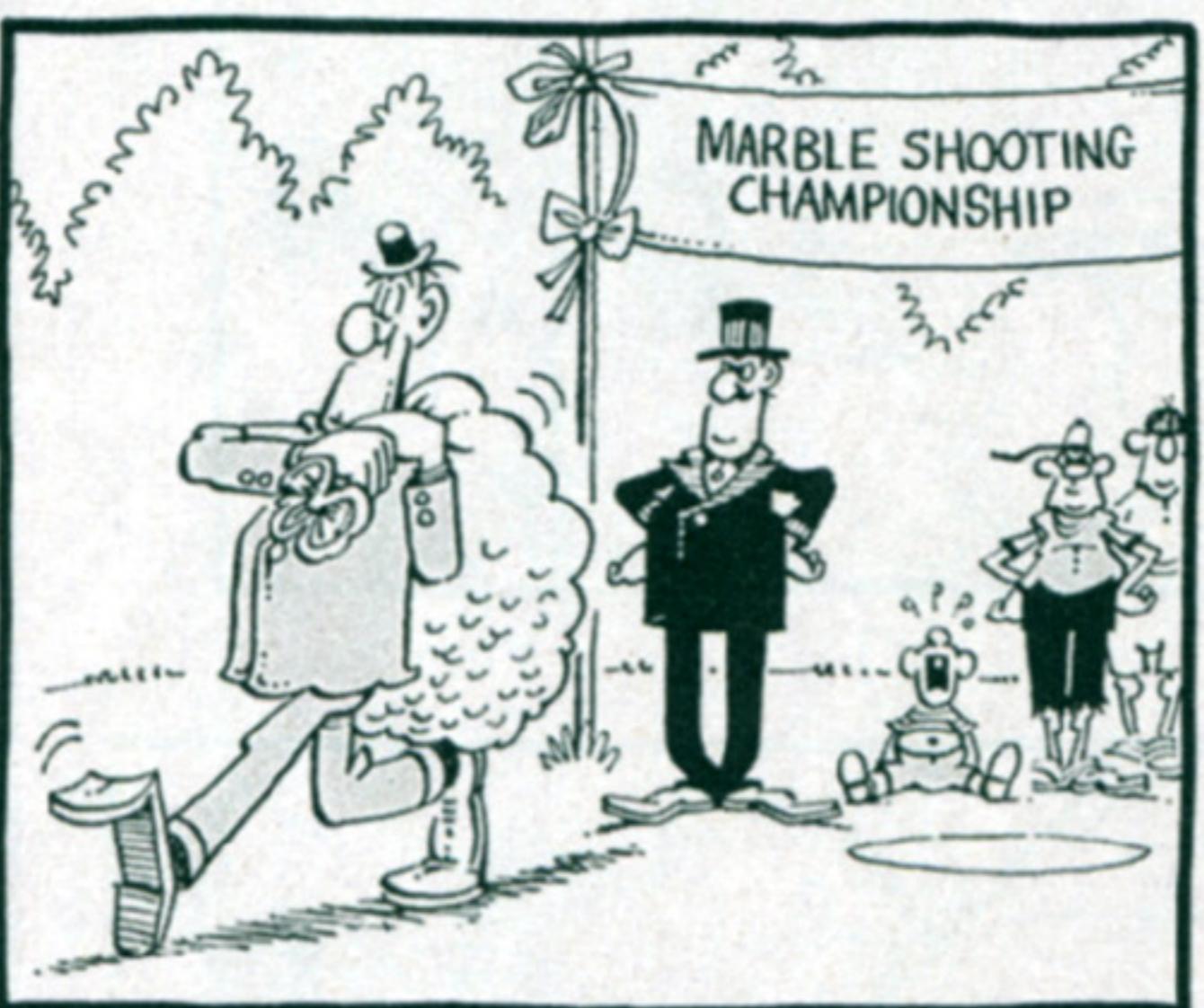
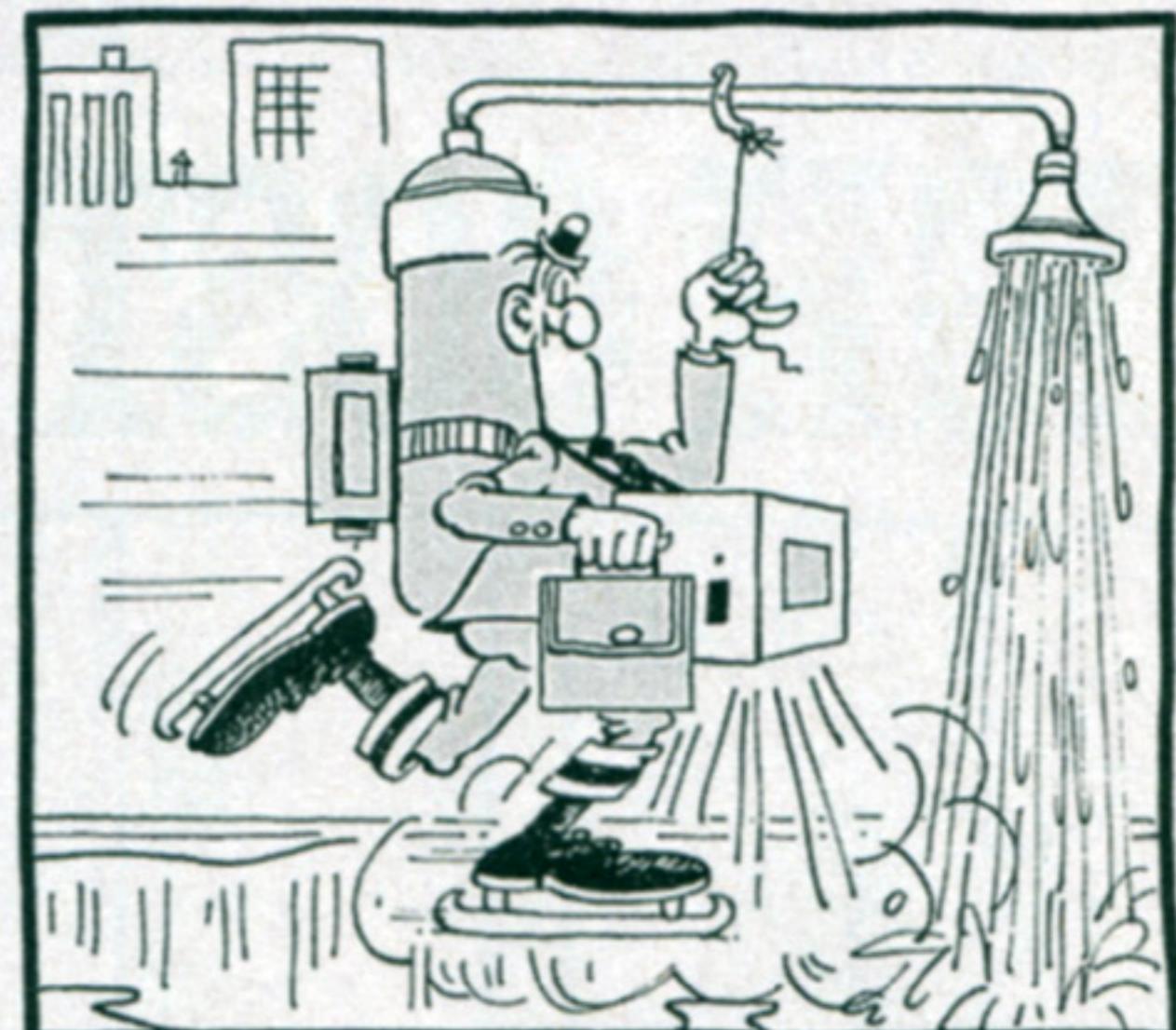
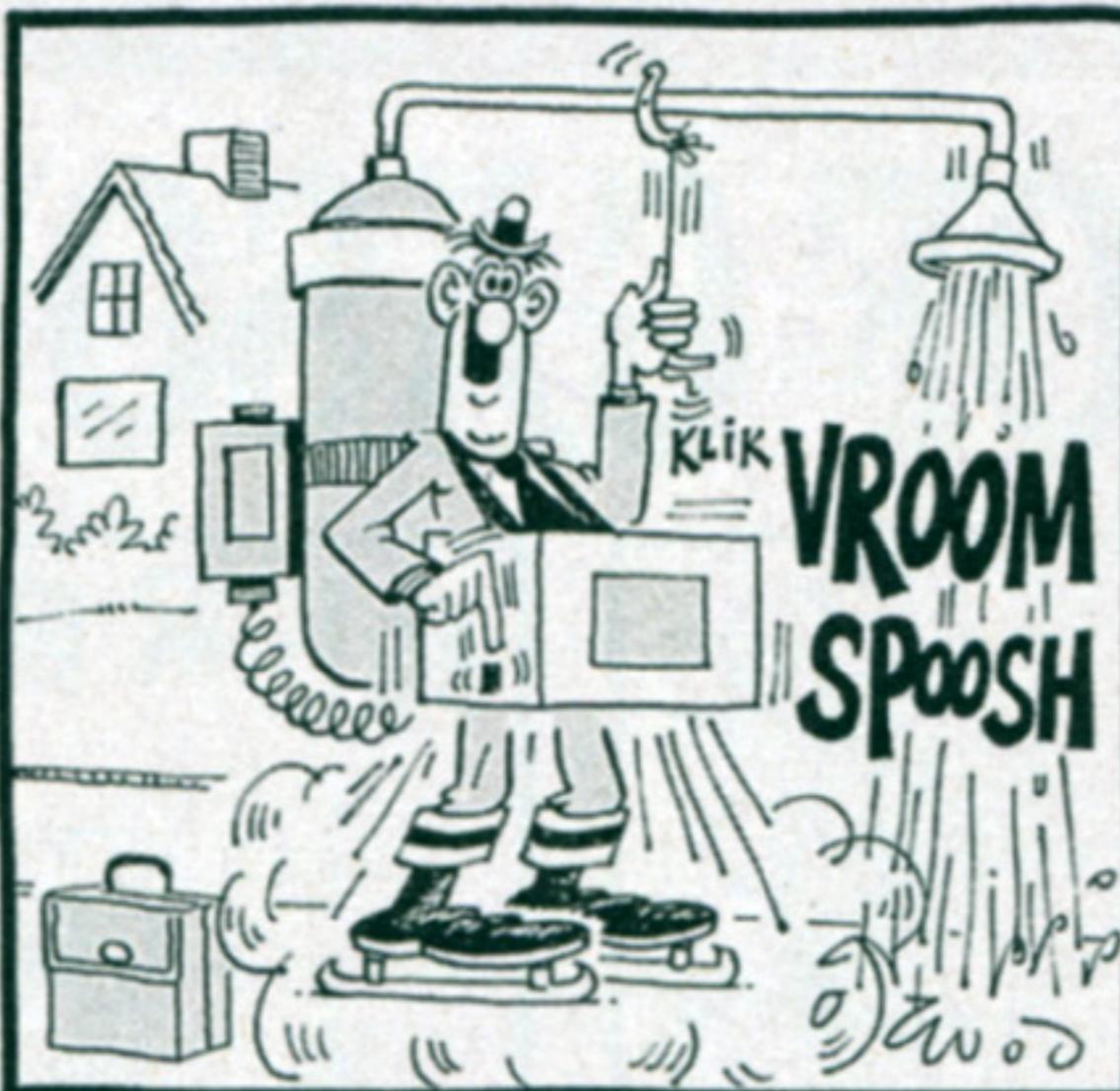
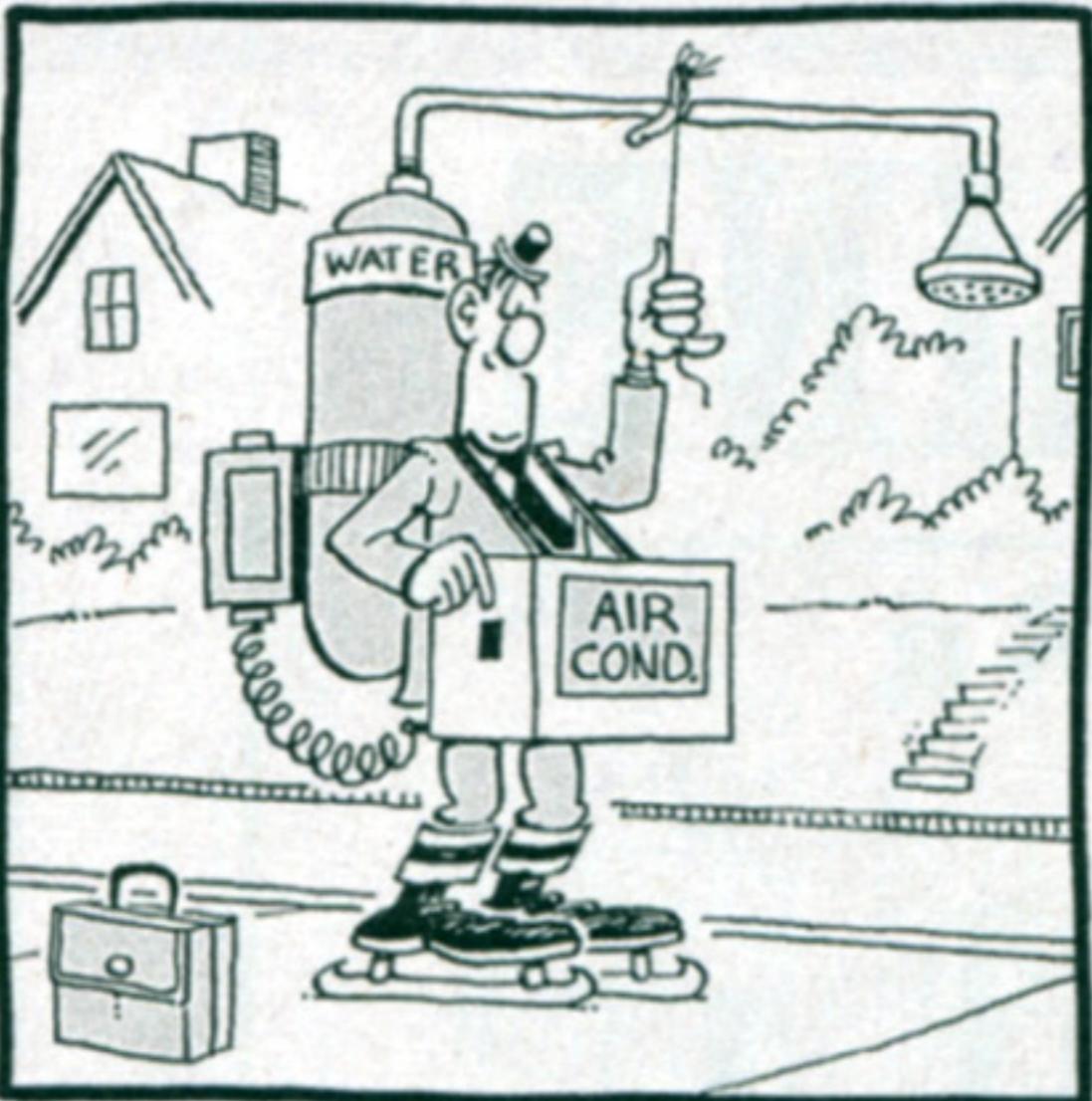
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# DON MARTIN BEATS THE



# HIGH COST OF GASOLINE







## R2-D2-STEP DEPT.

Let's face it, *Dancing with the Stars* is hurting real bad for quality contestants. (Kyle Massey, anyone?) If they want to save their sorry show, they should partner with a popular movie franchise — like *Star Wars* — and get some REAL characters on there! Actually, George Lucas will put the *Star Wars* name on pretty much ANYTHING, so chances are we'll actually get to see:

# dancing with the STAR WARS

From a television studio far, far away, welcome to this season's finale of *Dancing With the Star Wars* — where the galaxy's greatest heroes and most sinister villains compete in the most dangerous form of battle...dance! Tonight, we announce the ultimate winner, but first, we'll present exactly what all our die-hard viewers are desperate to see — another recap of the season's results!

I don't want to be a continuity nerd, Tom — but I notice that all season long, there have been characters from the original trilogy AND the prequels, all in the same place. How is that possible? A lot of this just isn't making sense!

A valid point, Brooke, but if you think about it, it makes about as much sense as us trying to pass off talent-voids like Joey Lawrence, Mel B., and Steve-O as "stars" in previous seasons!

Too true, Tom. And...the producers are now telling me I should shut up and just look hot for the rest of the show!

Sounds good! But enough original content, let's get to the clips...



WRITER: DAVE CROATTO

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

*It's been an exciting season of amazing dancing, complete with unexpected twists, both onstage and OFF! As we saw firsthand, during Darth Vader's backstage flare-up...*

Okay, you need to remember that it's a six-count basic, then an eight-count basic into the throwout — not the other way around...URK!

I find your lack of faith in my Lindy Hop disturbing.



However, after 10 weeks of competition and NINE dead partners, Darth Vader was finally sent home.

*And there were even MORE unexpected turns! The competition was fierce — and as we all know, the game can change in a moment's notice — as Stormtrooper #156 learned during his and Chelsie Hightower's hip-hop routine...*

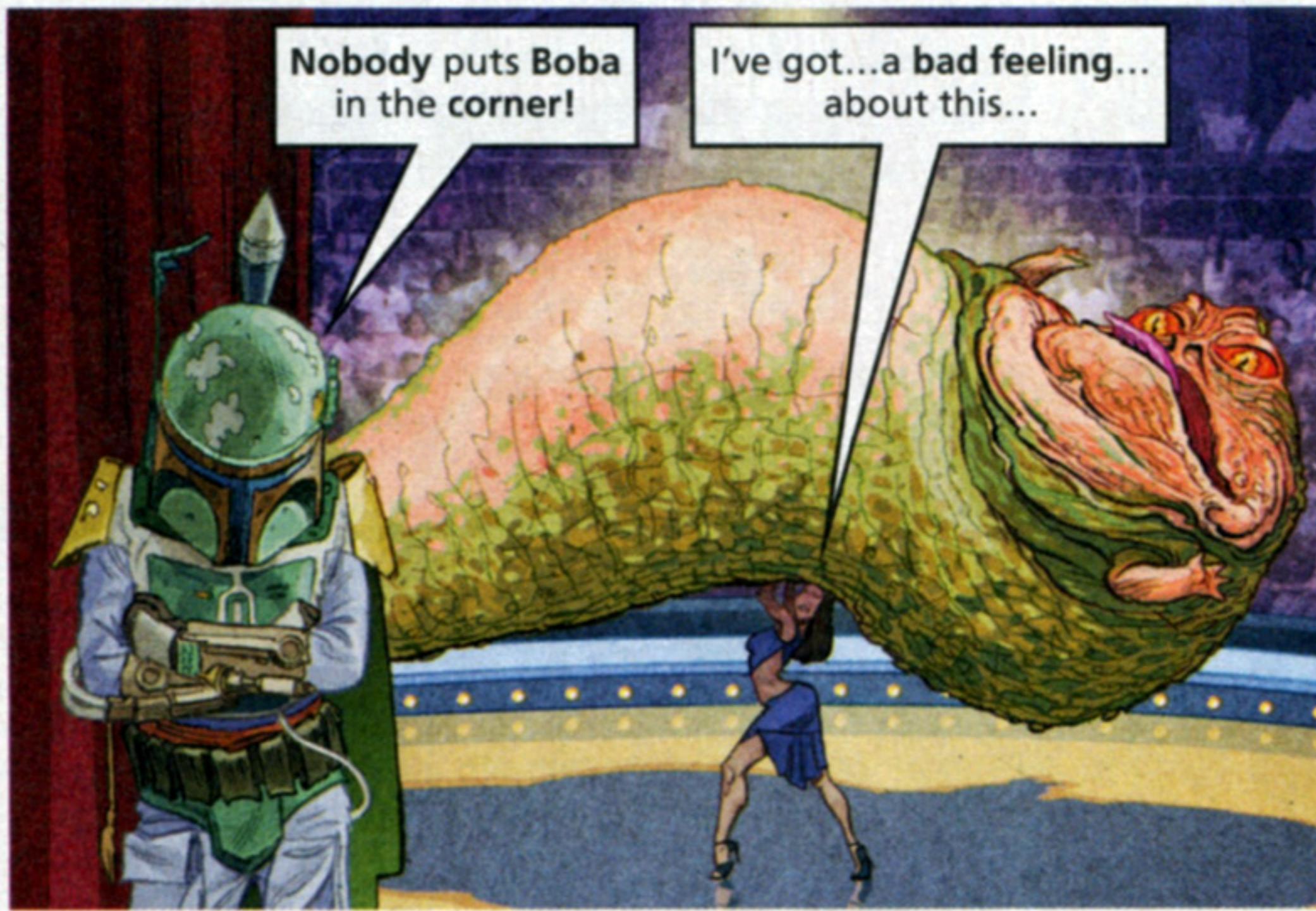
Stormtroopers aren't known for hitting their targets, but this rendition of the Tootsie Roll is right on the mark!



*...And in a surprise maneuver, Wicket advanced past his Storm-trooper competition, and moved ahead to an unexpected lead!*



*There were moments that were truly inspiring and energizing, such as Jabba the Hutt's amazing lift as he and Lacey Schwimmer danced to "The Time of My Life" from the film Dirty Dancing.*



*Okay, it's like....Blaaaaah! Okay! It's like — when you're dancing with a partner? Right? You have to CARRY YOUR WEIGHT! You know? And sometimes, to carry your weight? Whoooooooa! Sometimes that means you have to carry your partner's weight. Right? Woo-hoo-woo-oooo!*

*I can only be honest. The bad news is that Lacey broke every single bone in her body! Until she recovers, she will be just a giant, fleshy blob! The good news, though, is that she is now the PERFECT partner for Jabba! So, silver lining on that one, eh?*

*In thees dance, I did no like-a the footwork! Maybe because Jabba doesn't have the feet! But thatsa notta an excuse!*



*Sadly, that would not be the season's only tragedy. Happily, however, there's nothing this show loves more than a disastrous accident that we can revisit over and over again. And again! No one will be able to look back on this season without recalling Darth Maul's heart-breaking elimination during "Swing Night"...*





*And no one will forget the controversy after Greedo and Han Solo's face-off! After a particularly close competition, the contestants all eagerly waited for the results to be announced...*



**BLAAM!**



*But the past season has also provided some unforgettable triumphs — like General Grievous' performance on "Broadway Night"...*



*And, of course, no season would be complete without some special visits from competitors who were eliminated earlier in the season!*



*And we even had a special guest dance performance from the stars of Tatooine's Best Dance Crew...Jawa-wockeez!*





However, as the competition drew to a close, the judges were deadlocked! In the end, they wound up completely ignoring the viewers' votes, and simply fought for their own personal favorite to be the winner!

Whoaaaa! I loved your incomprehensible, loud bellowing noises! All RIIIIIIIGHT! And I love how you shake your arms above your head whenever you're excited! You totally ROCKED it! You deserve this win!!!! Whoooooooo-HOOOOO!

Arrrr-rrh-rrrr-roo-ooo-oo!\*

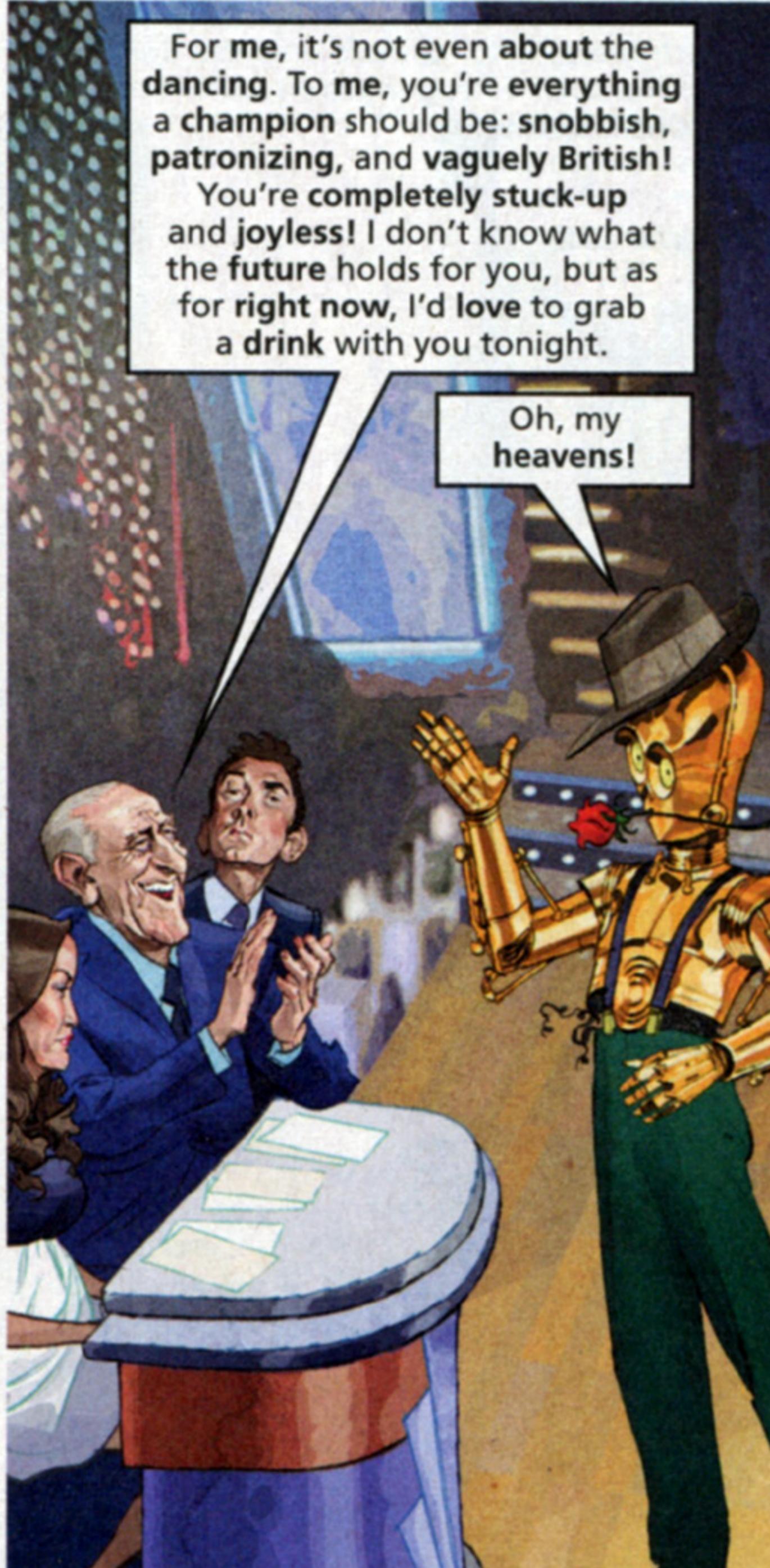
For me, it's not even about the dancing. To me, you're everything a champion should be: snobbish, patronizing, and vaguely British!

You're completely stuck-up and joyless! I don't know what the future holds for you, but as for right now, I'd love to grab a drink with you tonight.

Oh, my heavens!

I justa love how you always find fresh and original ways to do something obnoxious and make yourself the center of the attention! Whether it's yelling some gibberish, or flailing your body about like some kinda super-spazz-a, you really cover all-a the bases! I think it's genius! You're my picka to winna it all!

Ooooh! Thank you muy muy!



Someone will eventually take home the Mirror Death Star Trophy! But at this point, there's no telling if this stand-off will ever end...so tune in next week for a BRAND NEW show: *Dancing with the Star Trek!*

Here's a clip!

Shut up.

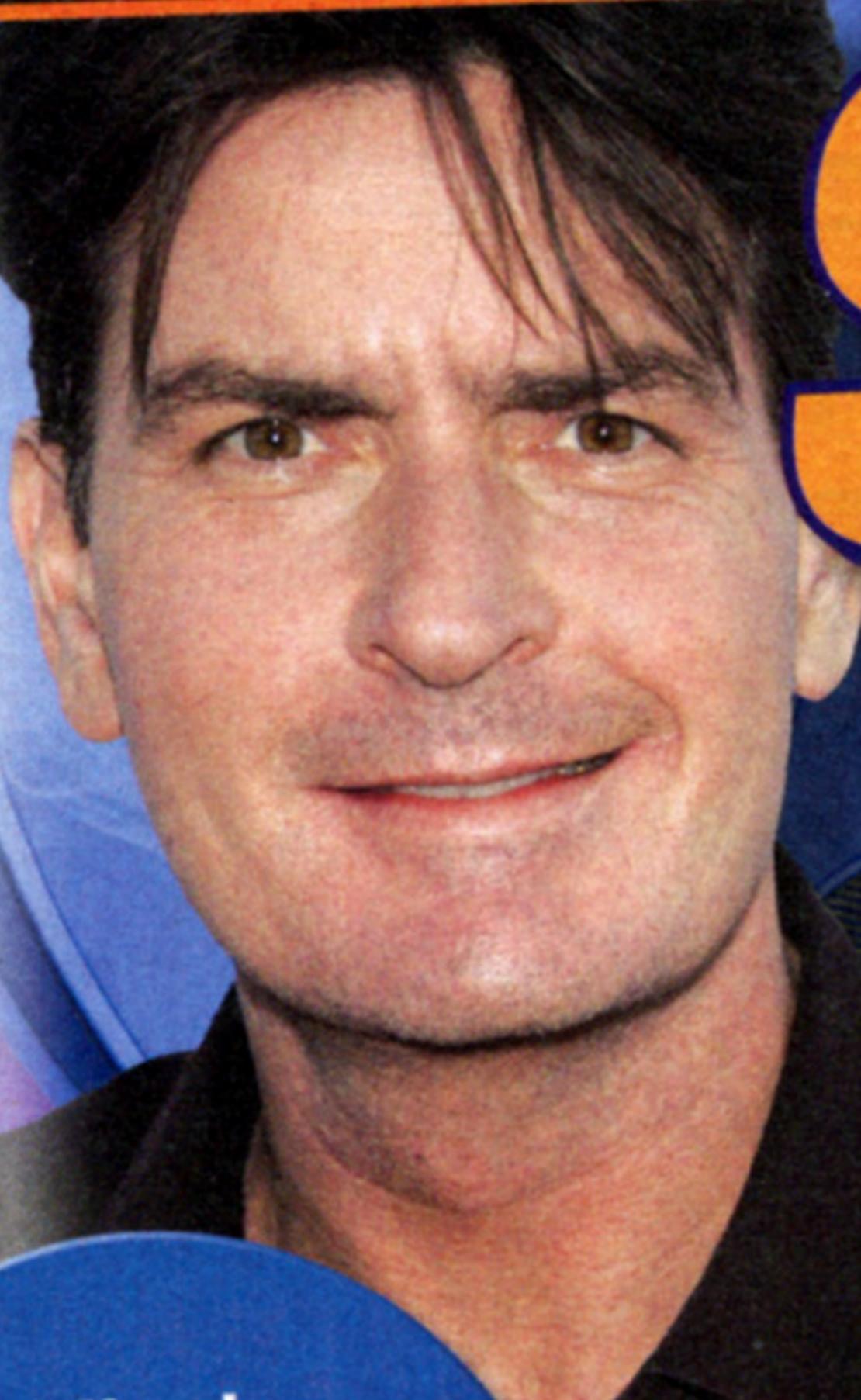
That should be ME up there!

I'm Tom Bergeron, saying goodnight! And she's Brooke Burke, saying nothing. Goodnight, America!



**Test your knowledge of Hollywood's most pathetic, drug-addled douchebag!**

# Sheen it?



**Yikes!**

Your nose started bleeding while you told a TMZ reporter that you "finally have it together."

*Go back three spaces.*

**Uh-Oh!**

Your bizarre anti-Semitic ravings have gotten you fired by Warner Bros. and left you less employable than a condom salesman on an island of lesbians.

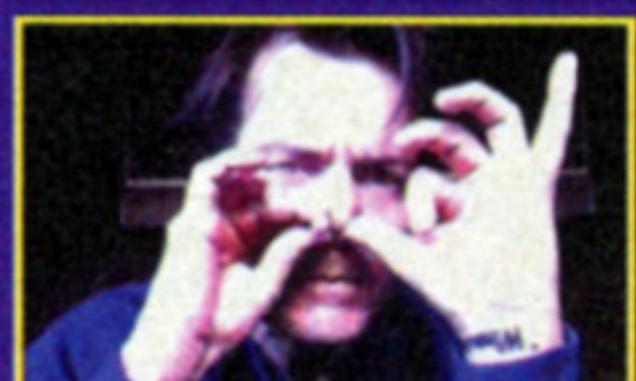
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**Match Charlie's contorted facial expression with his disturbingly incoherent quotes!**

"Marry a tree, because, ya know, the other kind of marriage for me didn't work. Marry a tree."

"When you see how I party, man, it's epic. The run I was on made Sinatra, Flynn, Jagger, Richards, all of them, just look like droopy-eyed children."

"I have a 10,000-year-old brain and the boogers of a seven-year-old!"



**More fun than a bed full of high-priced GODDESSES!**

## Sheen it?

According to Charlie, what happens to people who take the drug "Charlie Sheen"?

- a) They will die
- b) Their faces will melt off
- c) Their children will weep over their exploded bodies
- d) All of the above

How many of Charlie's teeth are gold, how many are rotten and how many are missing?  
a) 6 gold, 9 rotten and 17 missing  
b) 8 gold, 2 rotten and 22 missing  
c) 1/2 gold, 1/2 rotten and 31 missing

According to a recent public opinion poll, what's the most pathetic thing Charlie's done?  
a) Attempted to rent a mansion to house a "porn family"  
b) Boasted publicly about his raging crack habit  
c) Threatened to cut off his ex-wife's head, put it in a box and send it to her mother



## Sheen it?

Which "actor" has schtupped more porn stars?

- a) Ron Jeremy
- b) Peter North
- c) Charlie Sheen

Which of the following has Charlie *not* done?

- a) Demanded a meeting with President Obama to discuss the federal government's "role" in the 9/11 attacks
- b) Shot his fiancée in the arm
- c) Been nominated for an Oscar

According to industry experts, when will Charlie again be given a major role on a network television show?

- a) Never
- b) Never ever
- c) Never ever ever ever ever ever
- d) Any day now. Networks are so desperate for ratings, anything is possible.

You've reconciled with your ex-wives and children, and you've been asked to star in a sequel to *Platoon*. Sadly, you wake from this dream in a pool of your own bloody vomit.

*Go back three spaces.*

**Available now from your local dealer — toy dealer, that is.**

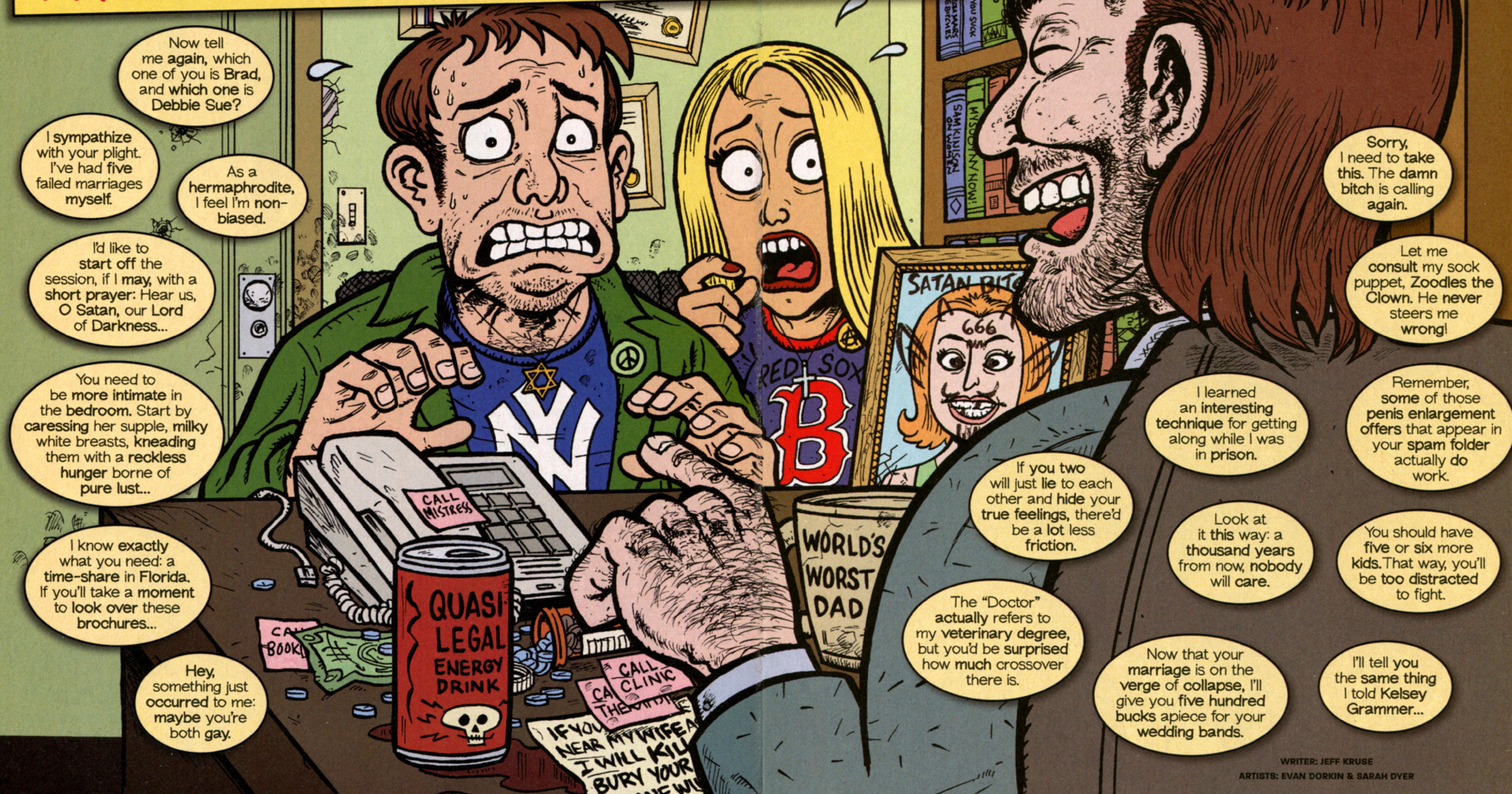
From the makers of the Nose-Candyland Game and the Easy-Bake Meth Oven



## SPLIT HAPPENS DEPT.

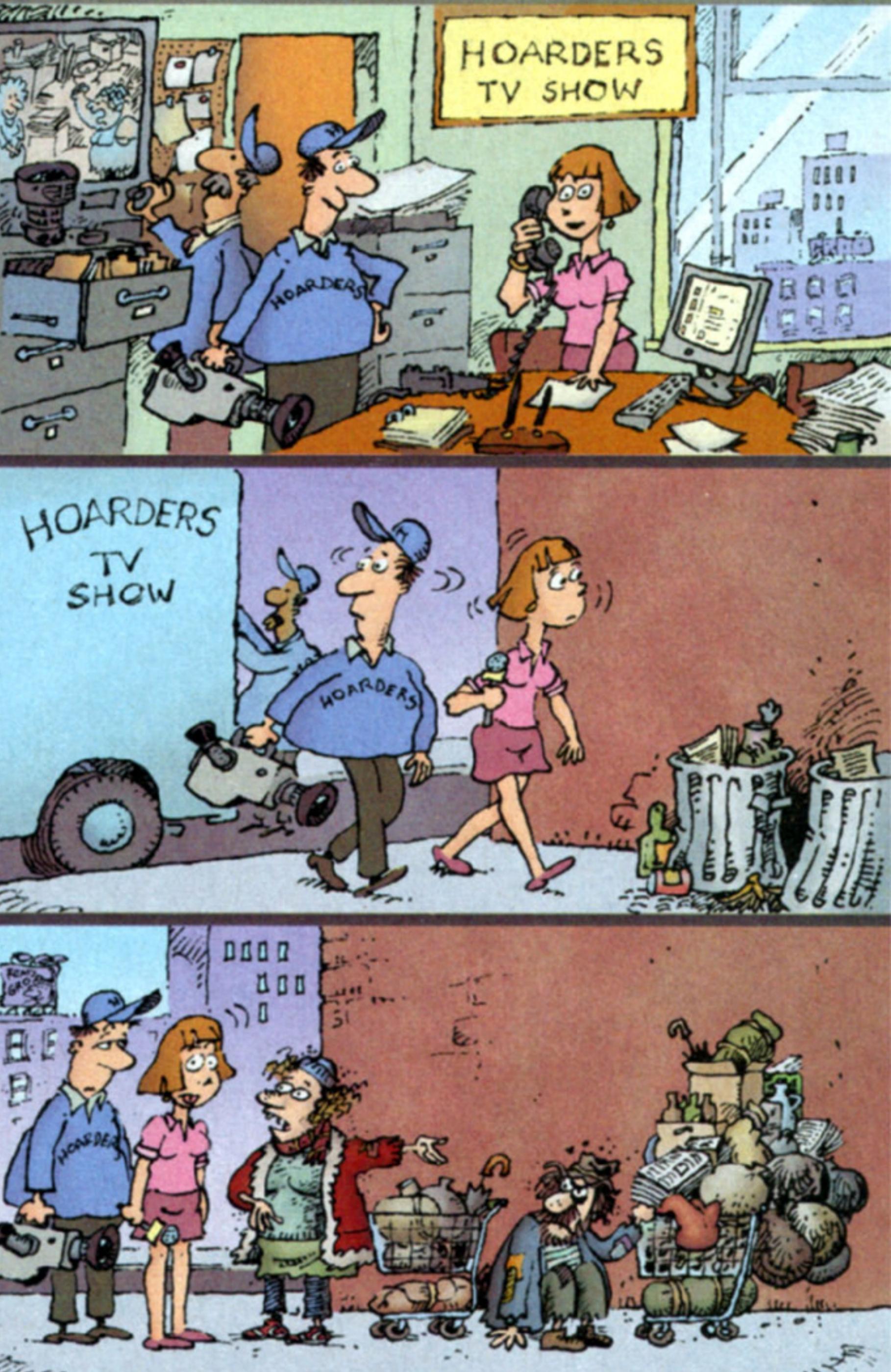
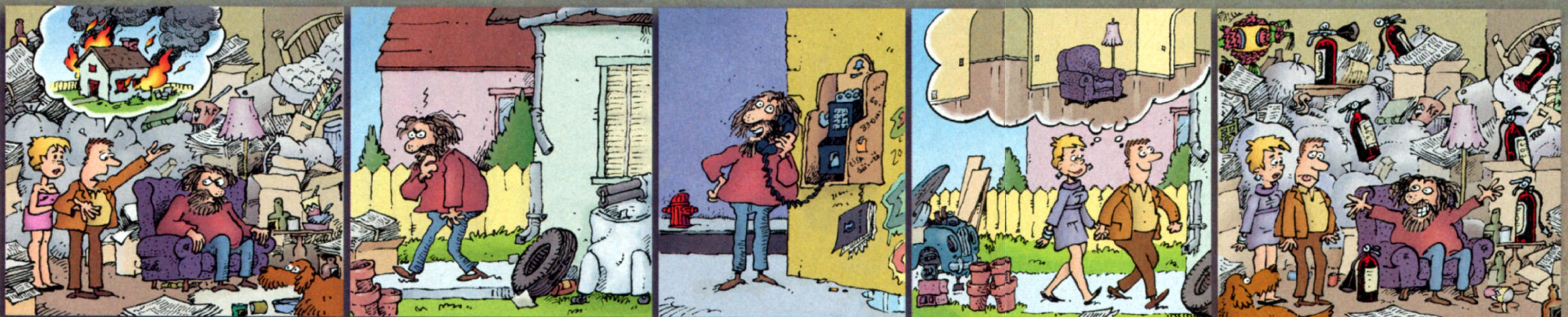
Couples end up in marriage counseling when they're not sure they've picked the right spouse. But what do you do when you're not sure you've picked the right marriage counselor? Then you've got a real pickle! Luckily, there are some warning signs. So, try to stop verbally bashing your significant other long enough to listen for...

# THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM A MARRIAGE COUNSELOR



# Sergio Aragones PRESENTS

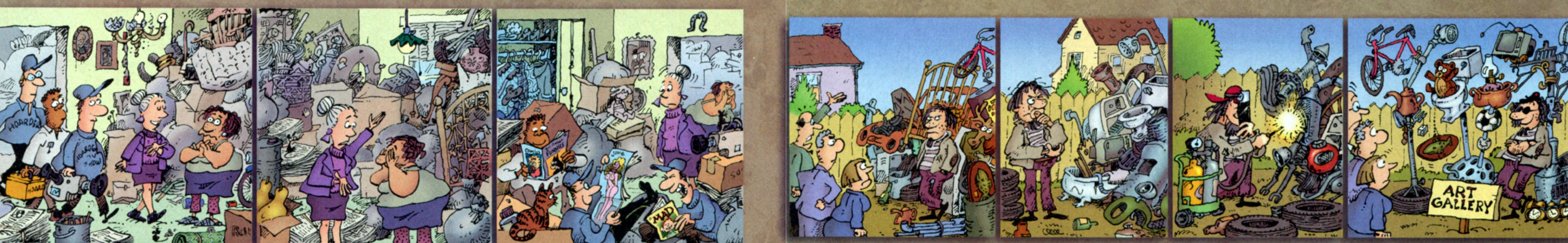
# MAD LOCKATHARDERS



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When the war in Afghanistan began way back in 2001, there were plenty of hopeful predictions that the thing would be over in a jiffy. Unfortunately, the battle rages on nearly a decade later — and in that time another quagmire has arisen: Broadway's dreadful, eternally-delayed *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*. And while the two colossal blunders might not seem to invite comparison, there are actually a surprising number of...

# SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SPIDER-MAN MUSICAL AND THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

## AFGHANISTAN SPIDER-MAN

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Millions of dollars blindly poured into it              | X | X |
| Casualties rising by the day                            | X | X |
| Moves at a glacial pace, yet is painfully confusing     | X | X |
| Entire production very poorly choreographed             | X | X |
| Bono saddened by the whole tragic affair                | X | X |
| Largely performed by disillusioned twentysomethings     | X | X |
| Americans paying close attention to the endless debacle | X |   |
| Will still be going strong in 2013                      | X | X |
| No plausible exit strategy                              | X | X |
| Leader replaced amid much controversy                   | X | X |
| A textbook case of American hubris                      | X | X |





Aside from Snooki and Justin Bieber, there are few things in modern life that are as unavoidable as Facebook. Unlike Snooks and Beebs, though, Facebook is great for lots of things: connecting with friends, sharing photos, and posting real-time updates on your love of Jujubes.

But these benefits are far outweighed by the many, many things that flat-out suck about the site — beginning with...

## THE 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT

# facebook

- 1** Facebook has 500 million users and is valued at 65 billion dollars — which means that your membership alone has put \$130 in the pocket of Mark Zuckerberg's faded, smelly hoodie.



- 2** The fact that the first response to just about every new Facebook setting or feature is, "How do I opt out of this?"

- 3** Knowing that the 70 people who wrote "Happy Bday!" on your wall didn't actually remember your birthday, but just saw the notification.

Mark  
Happy 35th Birthday!

Kim  
happy 37th big guy

Zach  
The big 3-0!

Josh  
Dude I thought you died

- 4** The unbelievably clever practice of purposely misspelling your name in your profile to elude college admissions officers and potential employers — go feck yourselves.

- 5** The devil and angel that appear on your shoulders as you debate whether to accept or ignore your grandmother's friend request.

- 6** When you post a trivial political viewpoint, and someone who disagrees with you replies with a point-by-point manifesto so long it would make the Unabomber drowsy.



Ryan

I just read an article in USA Today that says the deficit actually went DOWN last year.



Michelle

Ok...first off, the article makes an erroneous assumption that the budget was set in the first four months. The historic stimulus bill added 200 billion to the deficit in 2009, and that's just one of the spending items on Obama's shopping list, according to figures from the CBO...

[See more. Much, much more](#)

- 7** The knowledge that no matter what your privacy settings are, any creep, lunatic or pervert could be looking at your profile picture right now.



**8**

**The growing segment of the population that always talks about Facebook, even when they're NOT logged on to Facebook.**

**9**

Facebook chat — it cuts out and logs off at a rate that makes us nostalgic for AOL 2.0.

**10**

The bland and pointless info section, where your boring answers to insipid categories like "interests" and "activities" make this month's Playmate sound like Shakespeare in comparison.

**11**

**Friends inviting you to view albums of parties you weren't invited to.**

**12**

The charming way your boyfriend changed his status from "in a relationship" to "single" a full three hours before calling to inform you of this development.

**13**

**Friends who hijack your profile and make subtle, clever changes...like incorporating the word "poop" into your current status.**

**14**

Tagging yourself as your "celebrity doppelganger" — congratulations! You've reaffirmed what everyone on the planet already knew: 1) You're an egomaniac and 2) You don't look an effin' THING like Adrian Grenier.

**15**

**The never-ending, narcissistic quest for the perfect new profile picture.**

**16**

**People who show support for a cause by changing their status update for an hour — after which they can go right back to not really giving a damn.**

**17**

**The fact that Facebook's business model is built entirely on sucking away your every last molecule of privacy so they can hawk it to advertisers.**

**Jacob**

RIP Grandma Rose. You will be in my heart always

**Brooks Brothers**

Jacob! Save 30% on funeral wear at Brooks Brothers!

**18**

**Facebook's penchant for constant profile overhauls and redesigns that improve upon the original almost as much as that time Heinz decided to make blue ketchup.**

**19**

**Getting excited about 12 notifications, only to discover that 10 of them contain the word "zombie."**

**20**

Facebook "Friend suggestions" that are as clueless and awful as Amazon's book recommendations.

**21**

"Liking" — we just don't like it.

**22**

Companies that beg you to "Friend us on Facebook" — because you've always dreamt of getting hourly updates from Stubbins Pest Control.

**23**

Your parents on Facebook.



Karen

At dinner with the girls ;-)



Karen's Mom

Remember shellfish gives you gas!

**24**

Pictures that girls take of themselves with the same seductive head tilt that, because of how they have to hold the camera, show mostly armpit.

**25**

Having your account hacked into so it looks like you're shilling products.



Charlie

I did not send the message "I'm having such great results with Enhanz-Plus All-Natural Male Enhancement Pills," or that they "make my man-quarters feel like a steam locomotive of explosive sex-passion" — my account was hacked into! Please believe me!



Joe

LOL! Awesome, dude — you are the KING! Choo-choo! All aboard!

**26**

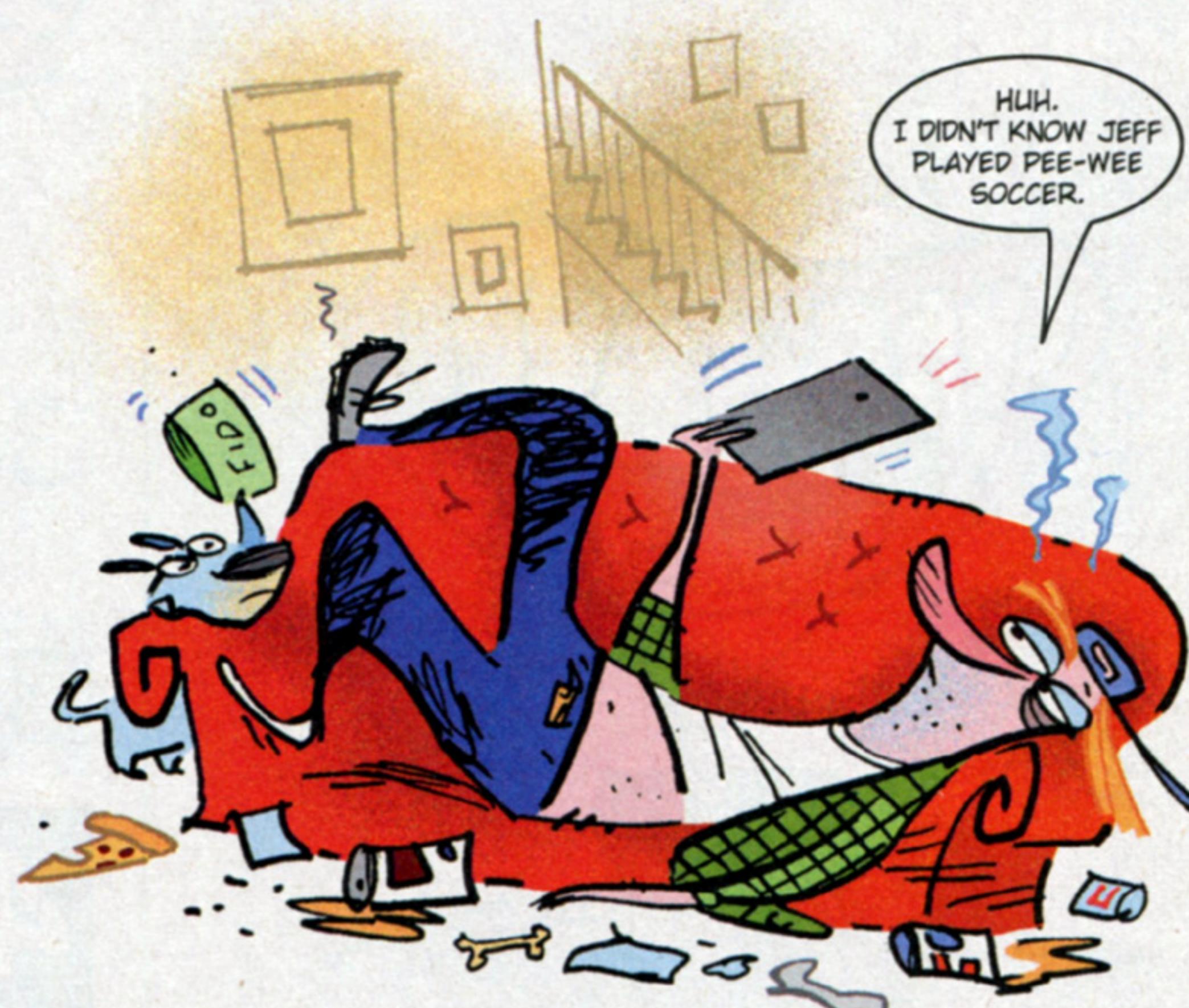
Friend requests from estranged camp bunkmates, third cousins, former landlords, that guy you were in a car accident with and other dregs from your life that you hoped you'd never hear from again.

**27**

"Never-Ending Quizzes" that are somehow more addictive than meth, yet a hundred times less productive.

**28**

The Bermuda Triangle-esque vortex of time-wasting, where you sign in just to check your latest updates, and suddenly it's eight hours later and you've seen every picture taken of your friends since they were 12.

**29**

Pathetically forcing yourself to invite those strange semi-friends from high school back into your life just to buff up your anemic friend count.

**30**

TMI statuses.



Ben

Status: Stomach bug finally gone! Soooo much diarrhea!

**31**

People who don't realize just how morbid it is to "Like" a status that begins with "RIP."



Andy

RIP Michael Jackson.

53 People Like This.



Bridget

Nice status!



Jesse

super like. RIP

**32**

People who have been on Facebook for a solid two years and are STILL using that creepy "silhouette" default profile pic.

**33**

The depressing realization that, if Bigfoot does exist, he would be on Facebook now, too. But, since he's not, case finally closed.

**34**

"Zany," warped, Photo Booth profile pictures. Actually, the "twirl" function *does* make you look a little less cross-eyed.

**35**

Trying to explain to your mail-order transgender illegal immigrant life partner why your relationship status is "It's complicated" without hurting his/her feelings.

**36**

Douches who not only regale you with updates of what they've just eaten, but also upload pictures of the meal — as if you otherwise wouldn't believe the existence of a ham and cheddar omelet.

**37**

Reunions that never would have happened without Facebook's help putting everyone in touch — and that, once you're at them, make you realize why they never should have happened.

**38**

Tagging all of your friends in those little cartoon spreads with side-splitting aliases like "the drama queen" and "the ladies man," because the only thing better than being friends with you is having your personality reduced to a three-word cliché.

**39**

People who smugly brag that they're "not on Facebook" — which is just as well, since, beyond that fascinating factoid, they have absolutely **NOTHING** to share.

**40**

Back-and-forth Facebook "conversations" that, unlike real conversations, rapidly devolve into lazy, one-word grunts.



Doug

Hey, how'd it go today? I know you were nervous about it.



Trevor

It went great, thanks. It wasn't that bad after all.



Doug

That's good.



Trevor

Yeah.



Doug

ok

**41**

The sad, inescapable truth that the amount of Facebook "poking" you do is inversely proportionate to the amount you do in real life.

**42**

Facebook's regular, unannounced altering of privacy settings — which are slightly less difficult to undo than cracking the DaVinci Code.

**43**

The lack of a "Dislike" feature.

**44**

When the only people who "Like" your shirtless beefcake pics of yourself are close relatives.



Brad

Spring Break Photos 2011



Brad's Aunt

Very handsome!!!

**45**

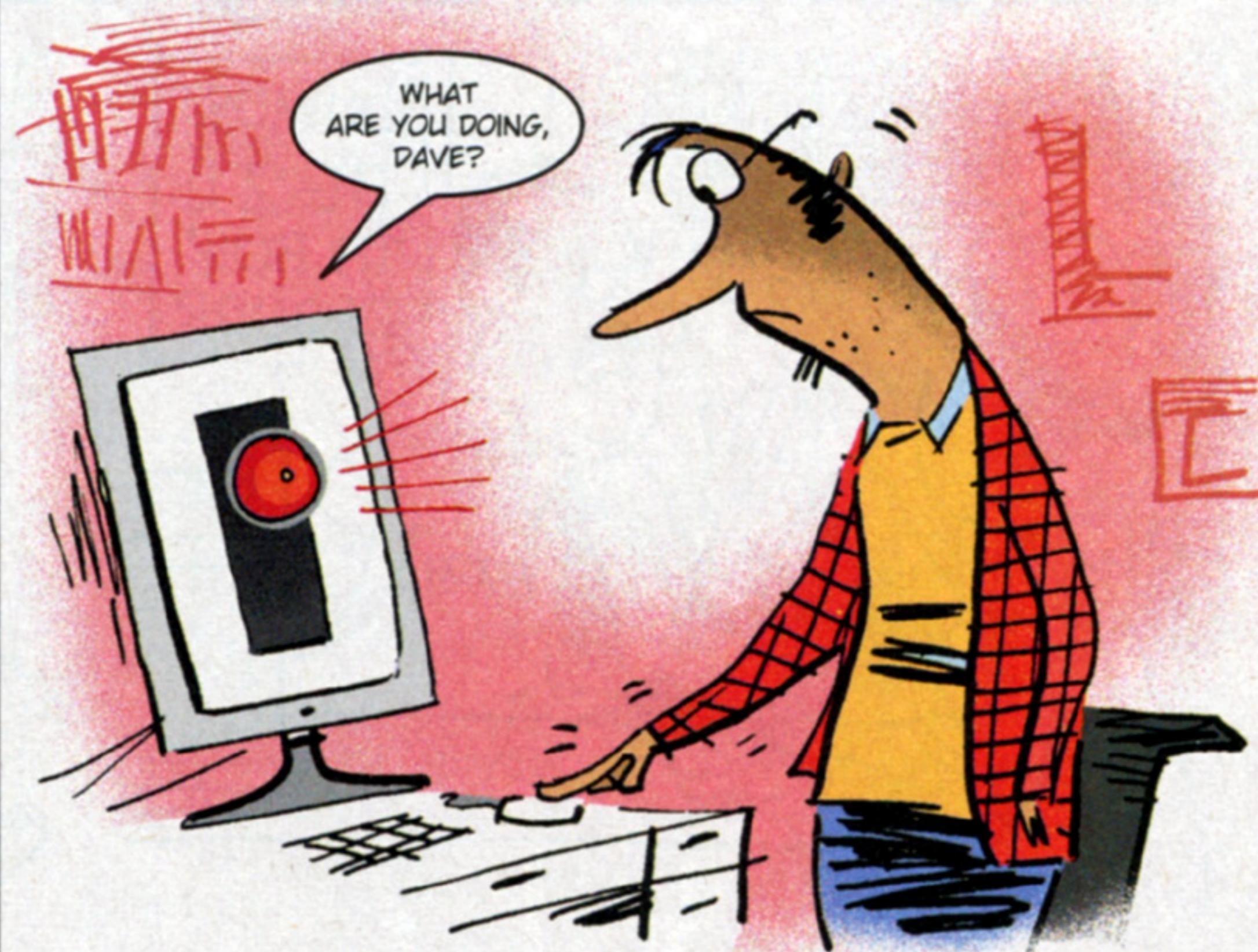
Getting fired because some a-hole took the time to tag you in the far corner of a party photo taking a bong hit.

**46**

The surprising success of *The Social Network* — which means it won't be long until we see movies based on the thrilling creation of Google, Mapquest, and GoDaddy.com.

**47**

The unsettling realization that whenever you try to delete your profile, Facebook goes all HAL on you.

**48**

Event invitations: Great! Mark your calendars for "I dropped my phone in the toilet and now I need everybody's numbers" and "If enough people join this group I'll shave my eyebrows"!

**49**

Facebook Mobile — because what's **really** been missing from the Facebook experience are blurry uploaded cell phone pics and car accidents resulting from you updating your status.

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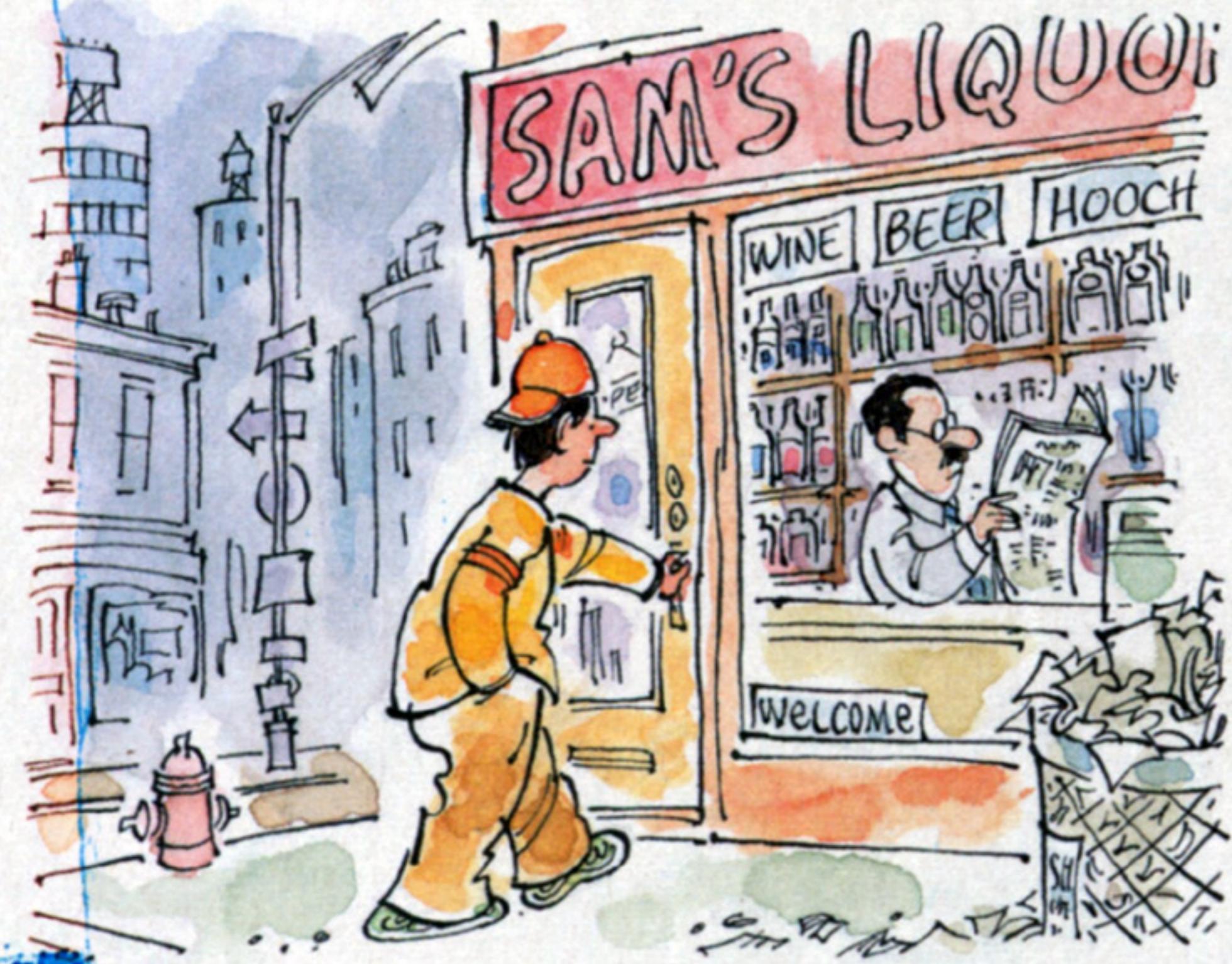
The haunting realization that when you get right down to it, Facebook is a thorough, complete and undying record of every stupid thing you've ever done.





UNDERAGE THINKING DEPT.

# One Fine Day on Main Street



WHERE DID  
MANY YOUNG  
PERFORMERS  
GET THEIR FIRST  
BIG BREAK?

## HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

Show business can be cruel—and performers who are looking to advance their careers have to endure all kinds of professional abuse. There's one place in particular, however, where more and more talented young artists are putting it all on the line, and just praying that things go well. To find out where new careers are gaining traction, fold page in as shown.



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FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



SPECIAL ABILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO GAIN CONSIDERATION IN TALENT TESTS. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN ONLY DREAMS OF STARDOM. BUT IN A MERCILESS BROADCAST, MOST FAIL AND DREAMS OF FAME FADE AWAY

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B

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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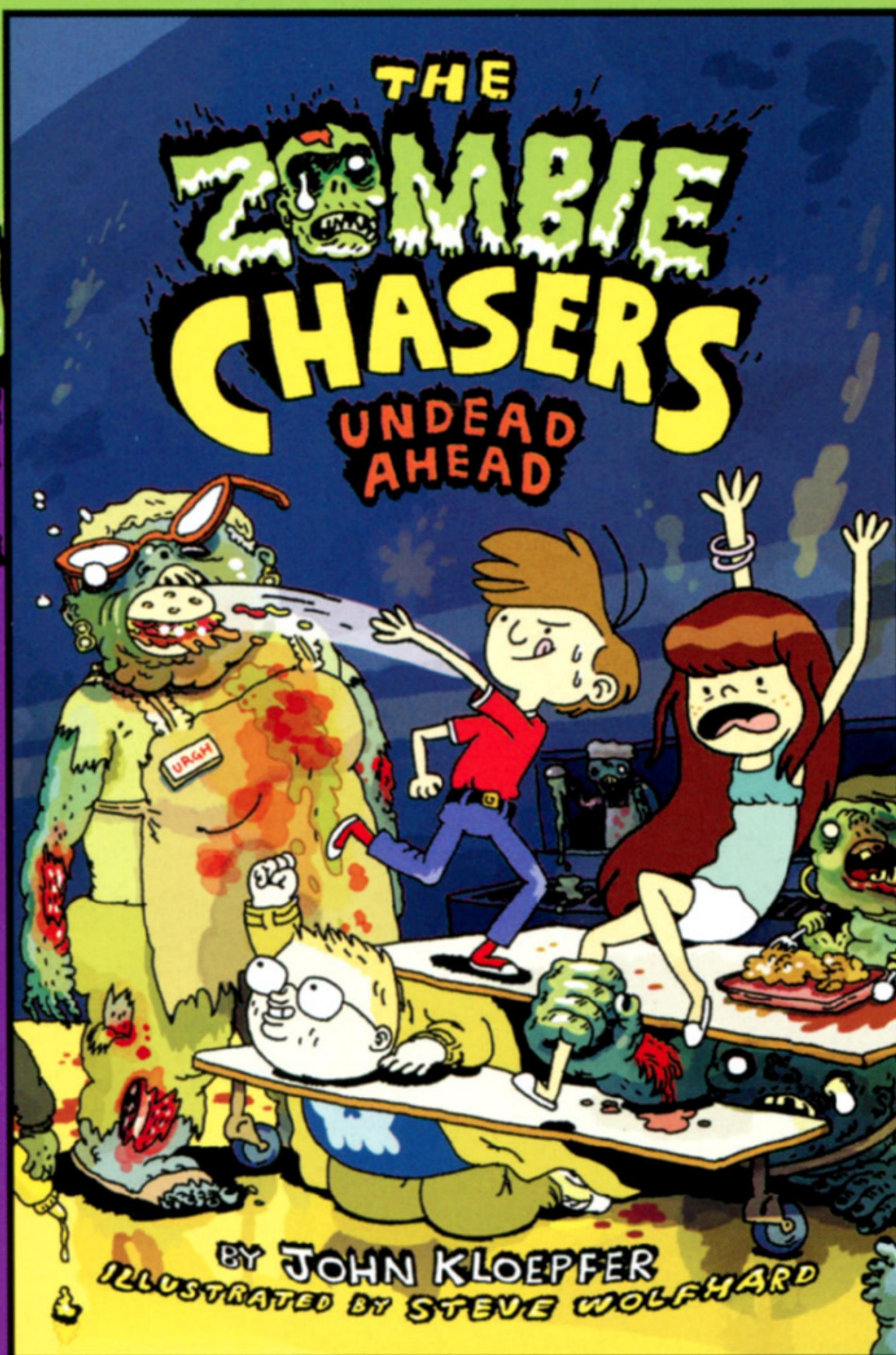


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MAN  
ON BROAD-  
WAY

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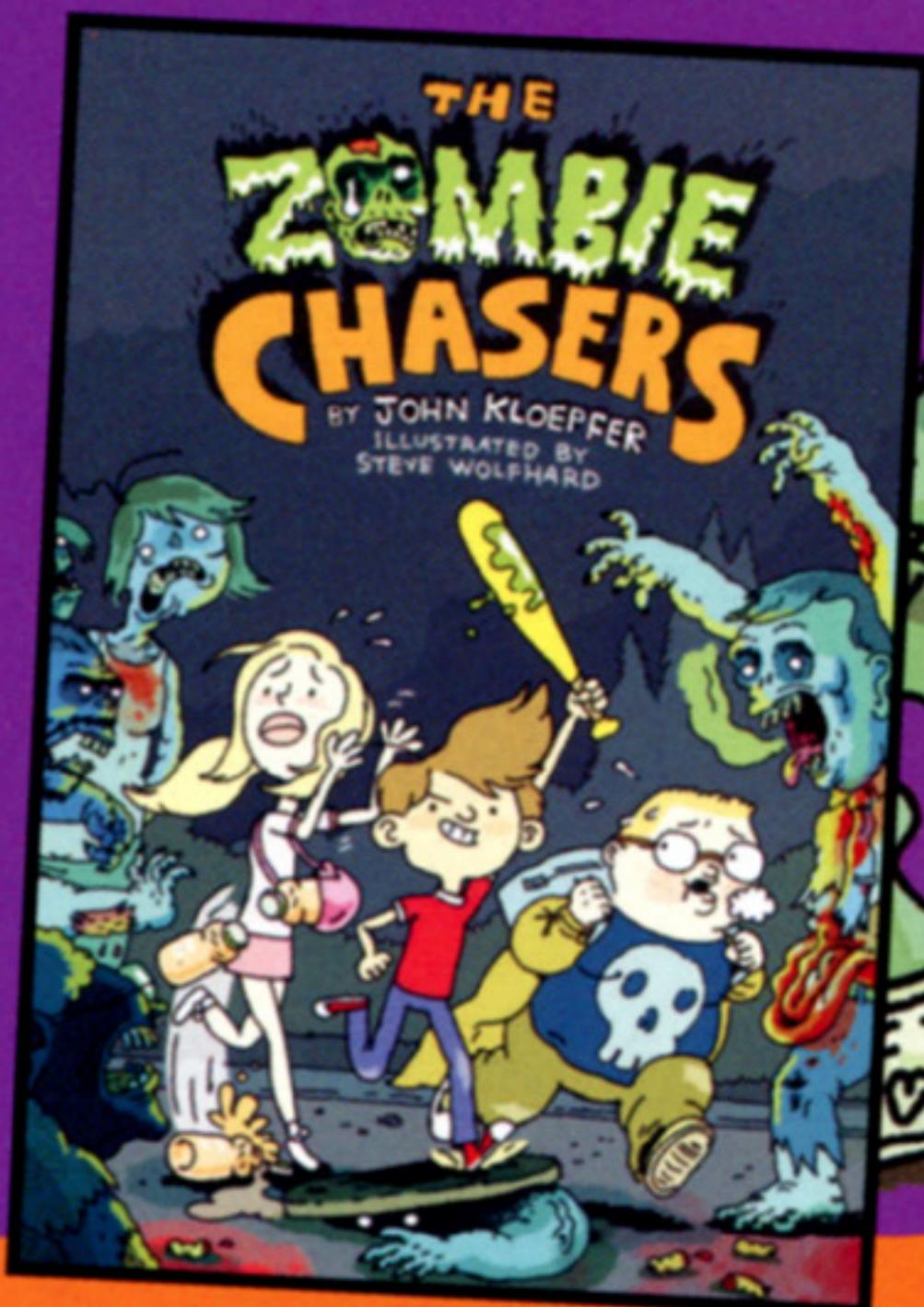


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